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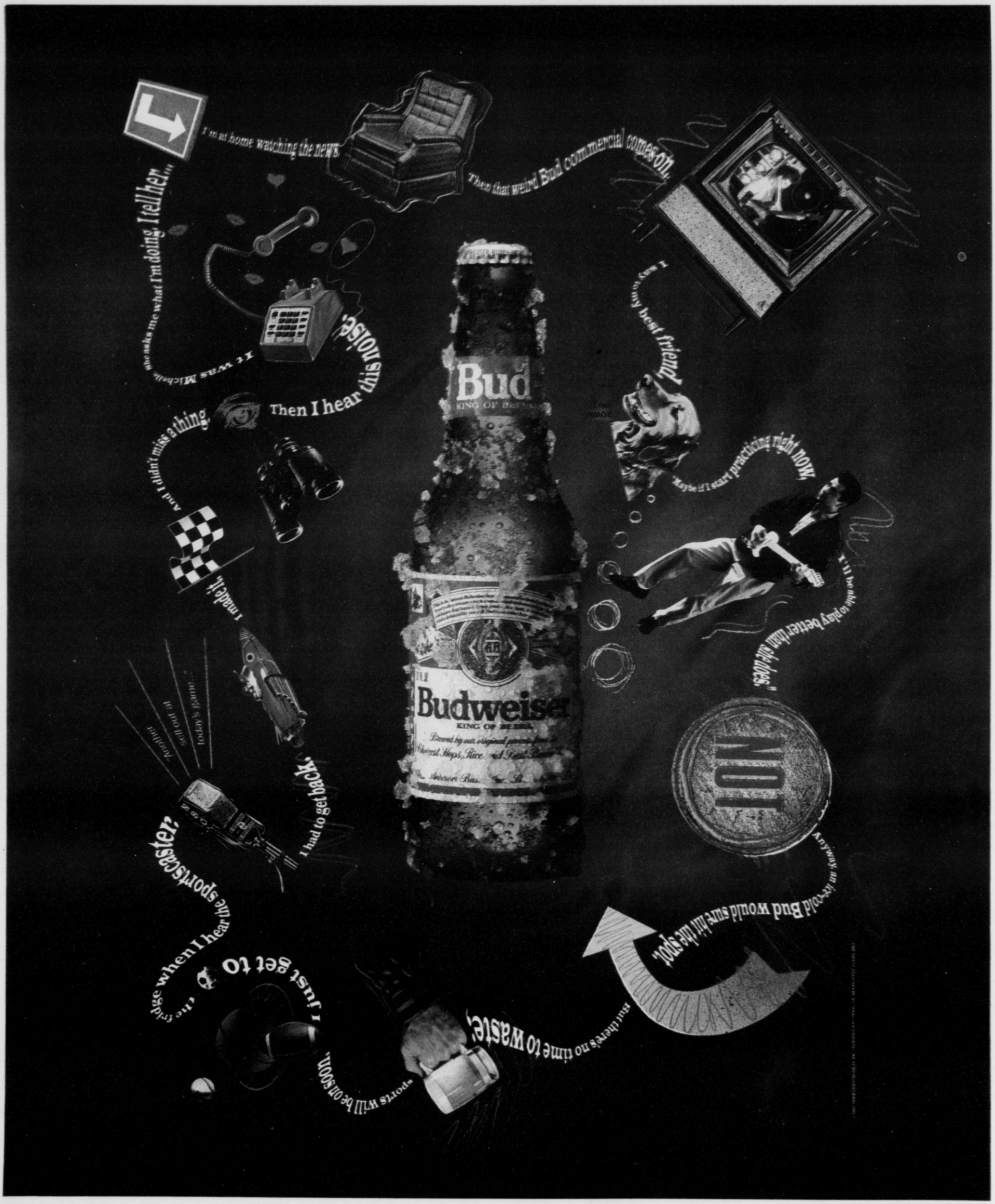
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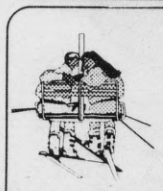

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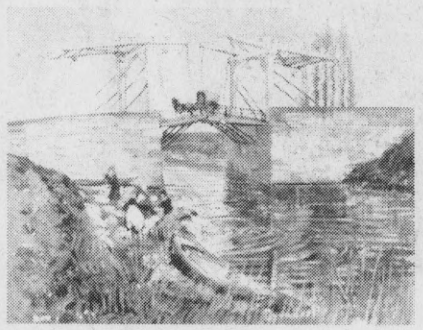

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LETTERS

Lost Perspective

What has happened to the gay community? Is it gay? Gay and lesbian? Bisexual? Queer? We're so busy arguing with each other or fighting and backbiting or ignoring that we've lost perspective. We sink into tiny interest groups who don't reach out or we simply come out of one closet only to go into another.

Many of us remember the Castro of the '70s. Yes, life goes on and death comes, too. We've seen much more than our share of death in the midst of youth. And we've been morbidly sidetracked from our quest for equal treatment in this country.

I'm sick of those making big bucks off of the dying. I'm disgusted with those who pretend to be our leaders, but who only live for power lust and petty glory, lining their pockets along the way.

We used to have ideals. We had ethics and we had joy. We were free and we reveled in it. We had Harvey. But we always had pretend-journalists and City Hall suck-ups and wannabes who played the game and made up the rules as they went. And they're still around. Some are just older, not wiser. Some are younger and more openly crass, with no memory of our history.

Some are angrier and more disillusioned but with their principles intact. And we're scattered and unfocused and that's precisely why the "old guard" still defines what gets said and who doesn't get heard.

We need a revolution within the revolution. As social movements institutionalize, new movements form. So? What are you waiting for? Oh, excuse me, you're probably kind of comfy. Don't rock any boats or you might get wet. Or worse.

Help you! You're melting!

Sadie, Sadie, the Rabbi Lady
San Francisco

Inclusive Event Ruined

I am a member of the New Stonewall Liberation Day's Board of Directors.

I was in charge of the women's stage and accessibility for the disabled.

We were granted our permit to hold our event, which would have had a main stage and a multilingual stage, as well as a women's stage.

We wanted to include all of those who have been excluded and not represented at gay and lesbian events in the past. We had planned to include people of color, the disabled, fat people, etc.

I am very dismayed that a few white men could ruin such an important event, which would have included everyone and excluded no one. We would have provided fun, plus a networking process for all interested in participation.

I believe the city should be held accountable for granting us the permit and then allowing those few white males to destroy the democratic process in which we had participated.

I urge all of our supporters and those concerned to please write to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's office to demand that such a travesty be prevented from happening again in this city.

Mary Gennoy
San Francisco

What Shapiro Said

The *SF Bay Times* recently quoted ["A Lesbian Even Bush and Helms Could Love," June 4] New York activist Vivian Shapiro denying she had told *The Advocate* that Anne-Imelda Radice is a lesbian and that she identified a certain woman as Radice's lover.

According to my written notes from a telephone interview with Shapiro in May—and a subsequent conversation with Shapiro in the wake of your article—Shapiro did indeed make those statements to me on the record.

I stand by my story.

Donna Minkowitz
The Advocate

No to the NEA

Questions and controversies about the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) abide, as evidenced by your recent article, "A Lesbian Even Bush and Helms Could Love" [*SF Bay Times*, June 4, 1992]. There is, however, a question which is the most significant of all and yet is never asked or answered: "Should the NEA exist?" The answer is no.

Taxpayers should not pay high-salaried bureaucrats to tell us what art is or is not. I find nowhere in our constitution the authority for the government to create art or conversely to censor art.

This issue is only one example of how much the "Feinstein liberals" and the "Helms conservatives" have in common. Yes, San Francisco liberals are kissing cousins to North Carolina conservatives. What is their common trait? Both liberals and conservatives embrace and quickly use one of humankind's most basic traits—the use of force. Using the force of government to tell people what is right and wrong, what is good and bad, what is art and trash, is wrong. And this truth is the most obscene picture of all.

Kent Snyder
Concord

Robin as Harvey?

Concerning the GLAAD meeting on May 29 and the question of whether Robin Williams should play Harvey Milk in *The Mayor of Castro Street*, I have a few comments.

I support and appreciate the value of a gay actor playing Harvey Milk. If, however, the people who really knew Harvey support Williams in the role, then I'm not sure whether the rest of our opinions should carry that much weight. In any case, Robin Williams' sporadic stereotyping of gays in some of his comedy routines shouldn't be the determining factor in whether the gay community supports him. Anyone who has seen Robin Williams do comedy knows that he's politically well-intentioned. He seems to be pro-gay, pro-choice, anti-war, anti-Bush/Quayle/Helms and even anti-macho (example: his imitation of Bush as a tight-ass John Wayne). *Some* of his "gay" routines may actually tear down stereotypes more than they contribute to them (example: routine about gay 49ers fans watching the football game in a Castro Street bar).

Williams doesn't seem to be your average straight, white, male actor. He's a socially conscious person who has supported funding for AIDS research, the homeless, and Amnesty International. He's adeptly portrayed what we often identify as "feminine traits" (i.e., sensitivity, empathy, compassion) in many of his roles and successfully deconstructed their gender-based identification. And he's done an excellent job with characters who have great vision, integrity or personal angst, as in *Awakenings; Dead Poets Society, Fisher King* or *Seize the Day.*

There are few actors with Robin Williams' range and experience who could give Harvey Milk as great a presence on screen and within the mass culture. Harvey deserves that kind of recognition.

Kathy Voutyras
San Francisco

P.S. In the '70s I was one of Harvey's camera store customers and in the '80s one of Robin's neighbors in the Castro.

Closer to Dykedom

I was puzzled as to why I was referred to as Barry "Mr. Originality" Walters in Val Phoenix's Two Nice Girls concert review. After investigating, I discovered that I wrote a lead to my Two Nice Girls review that was almost identical to the lead of Phoenix's earlier interview with the Girls. It seems I must have channeled some intense lesbianic vibe when I wrote my review because, until now, I never read the article I've been accused of ripping off.

At first I was hurt by this dig. Now I'm flattered to know that I am one tiny step closer to dykedom. This just goes to show that boy queers and girl queers are more alike than ever.

Barry Walters
San Francisco Examiner Pop Music Critic

P.S. I, too, want "Tyler" to fuck me.

Goodbye Kozmic Ladye

The Kozmic Ladye has left the planet. I knew her for only a short time while living in Santa Cruz in the early 1980s. I was taken by her dizzying logic, and would often sneak meals to her from the restaurant where I worked. She never begged for handouts, but assured me, and I believed her, that I would be paid more than fully with good karma.

She moved on, and I moved on, but still I saw her everywhere: fairs, concerts, the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Parades. And damn if the woman didn't get on stage almost every time!

I wasn't always sure just what she was saying, but her enthusiasm, wit and silliness inspired me. She was a living example that it is OK to go over the edge, to push the limits of societal norms.

Through it all, she had words of warning about the care of our planet which suddenly seem to be right on the mark.

The Kozmic Ladye was a prophet of our times and I will miss her.

Tony Haze
San Francisco

Klubstitute Trash Strikes Back

After reading Ggreg Taylor's column a few weeks ago I wanted to write to the *SF Bay Times* praising his talent, but unfortunately was too busy with rehearsals, so I put it off a little too long.

I suppose I am what is now considered Klubstitute Trash, and was incensed to discover my new label, created by Jeff Palmer, in Ggreg's oh-so-informative column.

I am even now more upset, having read still more derogatory remarks about my friends and myself in the recent letters column, where we are called trash once again and accused of crowding "in packs."

First of all, I go out with my friends. All I can say is there is obviously something wrong with people who find a bunch of friends hanging out together to be threatening. Jealousy perhaps? Unfamiliarity? Or just plain loneliness?

Oh, and to be called trash! Ugh!!!

Many of the people who perform at Klubstitute, myself included, work long hard hours rehearsing to provide quality entertainment for people with taste. And as for people who work at Klubstitute, well, I don't think you could find a nicer, more generous, harder working bunch of people than Diet, Remix, Tyler, Omewenne. D David, Steven Maxine, etc. And the genius and dedication of my fellow Sick and Twisted Players (the backbone of which is Tony Vaguely) is baffling!

Most of us hold full-time jobs, yet still manage to spend hours getting as glamorous as possible to go out on the town. Everybody knows that a well-dressed drag queen can liven up any party or club, as well as being a good bar draw! I have it on good authority that when my friend Justin Bond enters a club, an average of 40 people run for the bar at once. So instead of being insulted for going to Dekadence, we should be compensated financially!

Trash indeed! Hmph!!!

I am normally not so vociferous, but nasty people with nasty mouths (and obviously a thesaurus in their laps) make me very upset!

Well, I think the opinions of a grump are trash.

Ggreg Taylor and Don Baird, I love your columns and I love you!

Deena Davenport
San Francisco

Improving Ecstasy

I attended the opening night of the Ecstasy Lounge and, as anyone who attended can attest, it was a huge success. I had been eagerly anticipating the reopening of the San Francisco lesbian sex clubs and was overjoyed at the reappearance of the EL. According to some people I spoke to, this was the best production of the EL ever—light years of improvement over earlier versions—and, even though I was too shy to do much besides hold up the walls, I can say that I had a marvelous time. Thank you!

However, I am writing this letter because I have a number of suggestions for future productions of the EL:

- Pillows and blankets on the floor in the demo or vanilla rooms for women to lounge around. The rooms had an almost hospital-like atmosphere, which I thought was rather unromantic.
- Unpartitioned vanilla space. The only "open" playspace was the dungeon and not everyone is into S/M.
- Audience participation presentations/performances or games led by the staff to help break the ice and get girls touchin'. How-to erotic massage? Strip spin the bottle?
- Please don't charge for drinks. First of all, I paid $11 to get in the door and didn't feel like paying $1.25 for a soda. Second of all, it is illegal to sell a taxable item in a gender-restricted area.
- Could you have some light snacks available? Without in-out privileges there's no opportunity to run to Safeway during the seven hours EL is open, and a girl gets hungry from all that exercise.
- Keep the safe sex stations stocked! Most were empty, and items were mislaid or missing by the end of the evening and I saw a lot of unsafe sex going on. It would also be a good idea to have someone

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Leather Jacket Brigade And 3-Piece Suits Target Astra: Foscarnet Manufacturer In the Crosshairs of AIDS Activists' Anger

by Tim Kingston

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"This is a Corporate Greed Zone," declared the white Japanese lantern, shaped and painted like an eye with a green dollar sign stenciled through the pupil. "Astra robs us blind," announced the ACT UP stickers pasted onto the marble walls.

On June 11, to a chorus of earsplitting whistle shrieks, over 70 activists from ACT UP/SF and ACT UP/GG converged in the Financial District at Astra Pharmaceuticals' public relations firm, Hill and Knowlton, to protest the high price of Foscarnet, a drug which staves off blindness in PWAs with low T-cell counts.

Foscarnet, the most expensive anti-opportunistic infection drug in the entire history of the AIDS pandemic, costs $21,000 a year, claim activists. After months of fruitless negotiations with Astra, members of ACT UP, Project Inform and a host of other pressure groups across the country have declared war on the Swedish pharmaceutical company. Activists have lost their patience and are demanding that Astra cut the price of Foscarnet in half or place a $10,000 per annum price cap on the cost of the drug. [See "Astra Gouges People With AIDS," *SF Bay Times*, Feb. 13, 1992.]

"Astra has seen this as the opportunity to pick the pockets of PWAs, the insurance companies, and the U.S. government," charges Andrew Zysman, a physician and member of ACT UP/Golden Gate, protesting outside Astra's PR firm. "We are demanding that the price be dropped by 50 percent... and even at that, it is an outrageous price," he says. Activists are also demanding that Hill and Knowlton drop Astra as a client. Local Hill and Knowlton officials refused to comment.

Astra does, however, have a response. Company representatives claim the drug costs *only* $10,000 a year per patient because patients never stay on it more than six months; thus, according to Astra, the annual price is half that which activists claim.

Stefan Solvell, Astra's senior vice president of finance and administration, told *SF Bay Times* that the price is justified due to the drug's $100 million research and development costs. This, according to Solvell, includes the expense of subsidizing the clinical trials that were necessary to get the drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

"What we are trying to do is recoup the $100 million investment," says Solvell. "Once we have done that, we will address the price," he says, adding, "We think that each disease area has to pay for the cost of the disease. We don't think it is fair to put the price of AIDS drugs onto cancer drugs."

In January this year, when the first skirmishes in this phase of the battle over Foscarnet pricing occurred, Astra promised to review the price of the drug after it had been on the market for six months. The six months were up in April, and Astra instituted a 15 percent reduction in price for those individuals in federal medical programs, but no overall price reduction. Solvell said a per annum cap would also be considered with any price reduction. In June, Astra officials declined comment about any plans to put a $10,000 annual price cap on the drug.

Activists say the 15 percent price cut is insulting, and they still claim the company has spent less than $100 million on developing the drug. No breakdown of figures is yet available to prove or disprove Astra's or the activists' contentions about price and/or development costs.

Martin Delaney, director of Project Inform, accepts that the company has a right to recoup its investments. But he asks why they have to make it all back in a two-year time frame. "Who says they have to make their money now? That is a decision that probably one person in the company is clinging to. It is a choice they made, not a necessity of the drug's development." The probable target of Delaney's comment is Stefan

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It is not just in San Francisco that activists are busy. On June 9, New York's Treatment Action Group (TAG) approved a national boycott of Astra's primary U.S. market—dental care professionals. TAG is urging dentists to substitute Lidocaine, a generic product, for Xylocaine, an Astra anesthetic that is used all over the country by dentists, hospitals and dental schools. Letters are now on the way to major dental training institutes and dentists known to be friendly to PWAs and activist groups.

While not everyone thinks a boycott will succeed, TAG argues that the targeting of large dental schools is a specific and cost-effective way to cut into Astra's profits and corporate image. TAG representatives also say they have a series of other surprises in store for Astra in the coming months, but remain mum about the exact nature of their plans.

TAG's Peter Staley says, "A boycott is obviously something we do with the greatest reluctance and a great deal of annoyance and sadness. It [takes] a lot of work and time that we could be spending on other areas of the crisis." But if Astra gets away with a $21,000 price tag on Foscarnet, Staley argues there will be absolutely no ceiling or limit on the price of other anti-opportunistic infection drugs put on the market in the future. "The community has to take a stand now, before that situation is allowed to get out of hand."

Meanwhile, in Washington, D.C., Senator David Prior, chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, is continuing with efforts to get the General Accounting Office (GAO)—the investigative arm of Congress—to conduct an audit to determine whether Astra actually spent $100 million on research and development. Prior's office says National Institutes of Health figures indicate the federal government provided $22 million to Foscarnet's development. But according to Prior's office, Astra has consistently refused to discuss pricing policy or development costs. On June 9, Prior's office told the *SF Bay Times* that the GAO *will* be auditing Astra. The GAO, though, refused comment on whether an investigation is planned.

Senator Prior's staffers familiar with Astra say the company has a history of non-cooperation. In a January 27 letter, Astra declined to publicly discuss any issues involving research costs and pricing, saying such "business issues are both proprietary and highly confidential in nature." Astra offered to meet with Senator Prior and discuss pricing privately and confidentially so long as none of the information was disclosed publicly. But the offer was refused.

An early May meeting held by Astra with AIDS lobbying groups in Washington, D.C., was described by Prior's office as a "big disaster." A member of Prior's staff said Astra flatly refused to answer questions about pricing. "It showed a poor willingness to cooperate," said the staffer, who noted the GAO has subpoena powers should Astra fail to cooperate with congressional requests for information.

"We are certainly supportive of Senator Prior's request for a GAO audit of their books," says Jeff Levi, of the Washington, D.C.-based AIDS Action Council. Levi thinks it will probably take congressional pressure, rather than community pressure, to get any concessions out of Astra. He adds, "They are [one of] the most arrogant and offensive drug companies that I have ever dealt with—and that is saying a lot."

COUNTER CLAIMS

Solvell appeared bemused by all the anger in an interview with the *SF Bay Times*. He said Astra is being singled out "for the wrong reasons" by the "AIDS community" and the press. "This is getting in the way of development efforts and getting in the way of making sure that as many people as possible will benefit from Foscarnet," says Solvell. "We think we have a very fair perspective and are not asking anything unreasonable of the AIDS community."

Solvell argues that the primary reason for maintaining the price of Foscarnet at its present level is that sales have proven to be even lower than anticipated, with only some 1,200 patients receiving the drug for less than six months last year. Solvell says the company only sold a total of $7 million worth of Foscarnet last year, much less than the amount required to break even and start recouping investment costs. Solvell anticipates that, at best, 4,000 to 5,000 patients will be taking the drug in any one year. It was that market estimate that led to the current price.

Solvell also notes that significant amounts of Foscarnet have been given away free as part of the company's "F.A.I.R." expanded access program. He says the company is in the midst of developing an oral formulation of the drug. The company is also trying to recruit activists to a Community Advisory Board on Foscarnet.

Project Inform's Martin Delaney acknowledges Astra's willingness to provide the drug free and develop an oral formulation. But, he says, "the company remains blind-sided to the gross financial error of its ways. It is stubbornly clinging to its pricing strategy." Delaney says that Astra's complaints of low sales in the first six months should have warned them the drug is too pricey. "Econ 101 will tell you that the first thing to look at when no one touches your product is price! The community... simply does not trust this company."

Whatever the actual figures, Steven Skuce of ACT UP/Boston, and a longtime antagonist of Astra, asserts, "Even if what [Astra] says is true about the development costs, it is simply immoral to charge this much money for a drug that allows people to retain their eyesight. It is wrong!"

That lesson was not lost on the observers present at the June 11 protest in San Francisco. Support for the protest was near unanimous. Lisa Logan, an employee of an exclusive boutique next to the Hill and Knowlton office that shut down during the protest, said, "I believe it is a cause worth supporting. It's great. I know someone who is going blind from CMV; so [the demonstration] is very appropriate." Logan described the Foscarnet pricing as "outrageous." "It's something that people have to have. To make it an elitist drug—that's distasteful."

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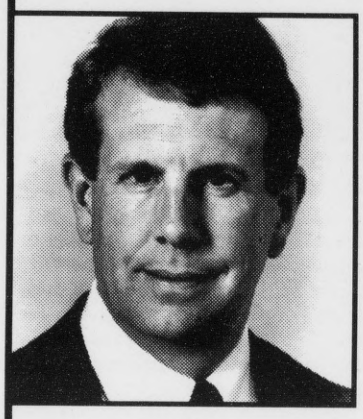

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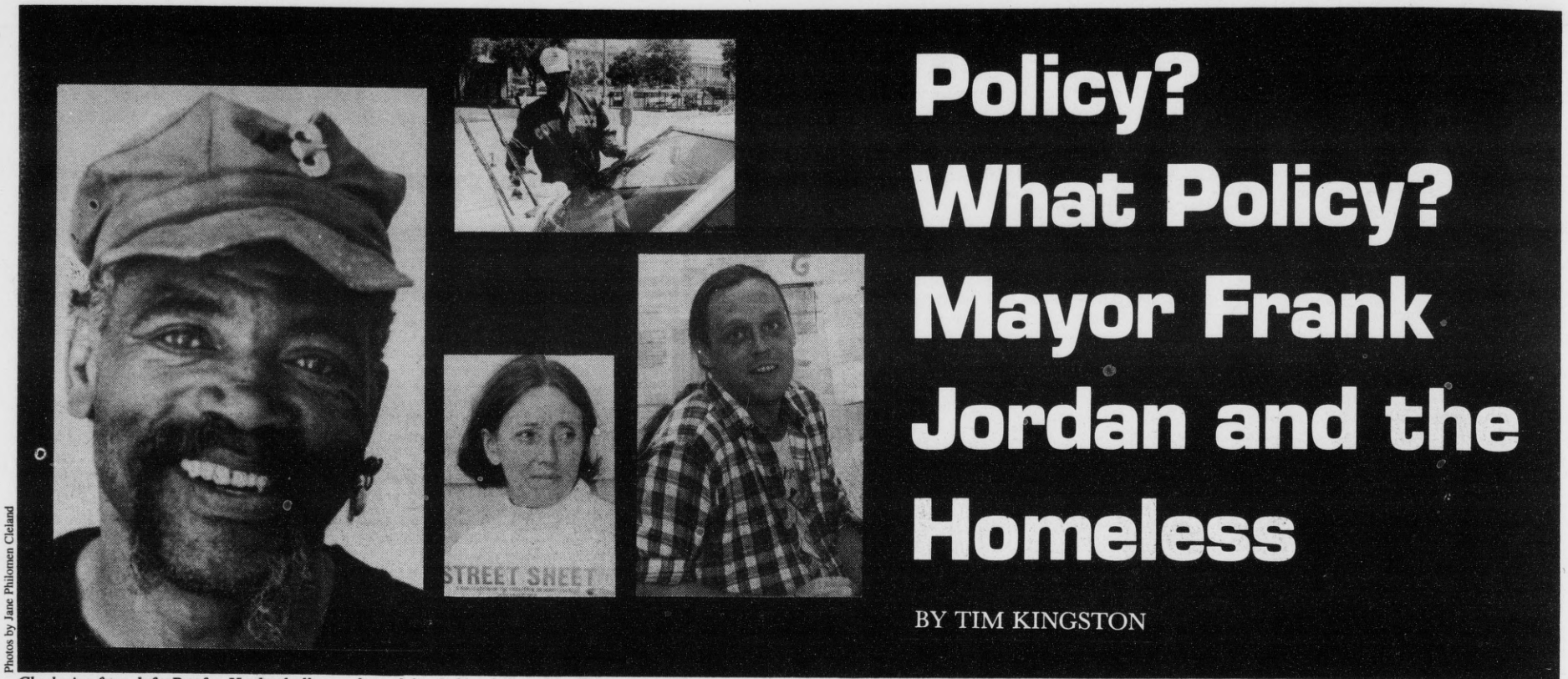

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Policy? What Policy? Mayor Frank Jordan and the Homeless

BY TIM KINGSTON

Clockwise from left: Roufus Hockenhull, member of the Oakland Homeless Photography Project: Tony, an SF resident who makes his living washing windows; Paul Boden, Coordinator at the Coalition on Homelessness; and Lee, who sells papers along with working at the Coalition.

Homelessness is, again, on the political front burner in San Francisco. A series of police sweeps in early June, designed to make Union Square "safe" for a travel agents' conference, refocused public attention on Mayor Frank Jordan's homeless policy. Jordan supporters in the business community are pleased by the new hard-line tactics, but critics are less than impressed.

"Basically, the Mayor has been in office six months and he has two policies: arresting the homeless and a single outreach van," charges Alex Vitale, a staffer with the San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness. Vitale says current policies are "strictly blaming the victim. The idea is to run the homeless out of town."

The problem, charge Jordan's critics, is that there is no policy to deal with the fact that 6,000 to 8,000 homeless people are in the streets every night. San Francisco has turned 43,500 people away from the shelters this year. Last year, the total number of turnaways was 20,700. But so far, the Mayor has suggested only isolated initiatives to combat the growing catastrophe.

The Mayor reserved $150,000 in the budget for an outreach van to contact and bring hard-to-reach homeless and the mentally ill to emergency services and shelters. Anthony Von der Muhll, of the Coalition on Homelessness, calls the outreach van plan a "sick joke" and "a waste of scarce city resources." Instead of another van, Von Der Muhll says the City could open another shelter, with leveraged state and federal money, for the same price as a new van.

Karen Nunez, a family nurse practitioner with Healthcare for the Homeless says people wanting to get into drug treatment programs have to wait two months. And those who want case management at the multi-service centers must wait six weeks. "We don't need a van," says Nunez. "People are doing outreach already. There is already a van going out. The problem is a lack of services and a lack of affordable housing." Her contention is backed by a study from the University of California Graduate School of Public Policy, which concluded that money for services is needed, not money for outreach.

On June 12, the police swept Buena Vista and Golden Gate Park clear of several homeless encampments, leading to one arrest and the destruction of all property left by those chased out of the parks. On June 26, the Mayor will be announcing his support for a citywide anti-panhandling poster campaign, which was developed by the Chamber of Commerce, the Council of District Merchants and San Franciscans for Responsible Government. Meanwhile, legislation penned by deputy City Attorney Buck Delvanthal is now sitting on the Mayor's desk waiting to be signed. The legislation will outlaw "aggressive panhandling." Once signed, the legislation will go to the Board of Supervisors, which will have the final say on the matter.

Very simply, Vitale says, the homeless are becoming a criminalized class. The process started under the Agnos administration, with the enforcement of statutes that criminalized sleeping on city property.

Vitale believes Jordan is putting the finishing touches to the process. "They have created a class of people where everything they do is illegal! If you or I want to have a beer after work, that is fine. But if a homeless person has a beer on the sidewalk, that is illegal. If they sleep on the sidewalk, that is illegal. If they have sex, that is illegal. If they eat on the sidewalk, that is illegal."

Vitale says the homeless wind up with "bullshit citations that turn into warrants, which means everyone you talk to has warrants; the police can arrest you." Bob Prentice, coordinator of homeless programs under Agnos, says Jordan's way of dealing with the homeless is more "law enforcement as a tactical gesture. It was the whole campaign: 'We will be tougher on the homeless.' "

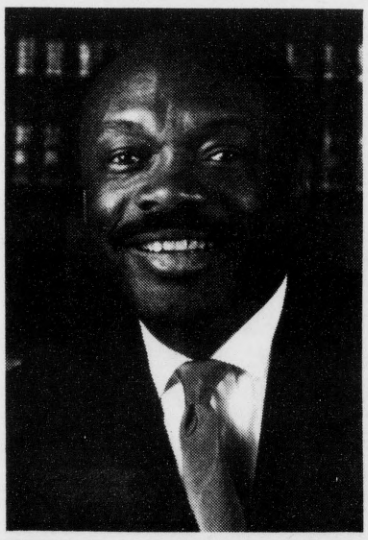
Partly in response to the sweeps and a heightened level of concern about homelessness, the Board of Supervisors' economic and social policy subcommittee held hearings on homelessness on June 9 and 11. The hearings were requested by Supervisors Carol Migden and Willie Kennedy to investigate specific economic development programs targeted to helping find the homeless jobs that can pay for shelter. Given that San Francisco housing is the most expensive in the nation, and that General Assistance runs at only $340 a month and SSI at about $700 a month, creating well-paid work is an essential component of any homelessness reduction program.

FRANK SOLUTIONS

Larry Cruz, coordinator of homeless services for the Mayor's office, ducked and weaved when asked if the homeless are being turned into a criminalized class. He says, "We need to have more jobs and economic development for meaningful jobs to make enough to afford housing." When asked where the homeless are supposed to sleep if the shelters are full—and sleeping outside is illegal—Cruz blamed Agnos for starting the police sweeps against sleeping homeless, then said, "Good question. We need more services and more affordable housing."

According to a May 4 speech Jordan gave to the Salvation Army outlining his homeless policy at the Fairmont Hotel, the Mayor's ultimate goals are fourfold. He wants to create a public/private partnership to deal with homelessness. He wants to reduce the number of homeless on the streets. He wants to coordinate and increase the efficiency of current services while also maximizing funding by going after private charity dollars as well as federal and state money. Finally, in one of the few rays of hope to come out of the Mayor's budget, there has been little or no cutback in the City's homeless programs.

The Mayor's speech, though, stressed the importance of cutting down on panhandling. He also specified several needs: to expand vocational training, "actively pursue" affordable housing



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developments for the poor and HIV-infected homeless with nonprofit developers, and to expand the utilization of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels, shared housing and other forms of low income housing used by the City's homeless population.

Cruz argues the Mayor's new policy is one of inclusion. "If you want to develop a citywide policy, you have to include all sectors, not just the homeless and homeless advocates. You have to include business, merchants and the ordinary citizens that feel the effects of homelessness."

Jordan's emphasis on including business owners in the solution to homelessness is music to the ears of that class. Jim Lazarus, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, says the business community's most immediate and pressing concern is addressing panhandling, which he and other business leaders contend is a severe drag on the local economy. Comparing panhandling with selling drugs for a living, Lazarus argues, "Aggressive panhandling should not be deemed acceptable behavior. There are parameters in society as to how you are allowed to make your living."

Stephen Cornell, a past president of the SF District Merchants Association and co-founder of the anti-panhandling poster campaign, says he is "definitely" more satisfied with the current administration than when Agnos was in power. "Our side is being heard...We feel we are part of the loop of what is trying to be done. We are part of the process. Before...we were being placated in this and many other issues."

Paul Boden, Coordinator of the Coalition on Homelessness, is deeply suspicious of all the talk of community involvement. He charges, "They are weighing out whose rights to protect, but when it comes to that, poor people always come out with the shit end of the stick. When they weigh that out to 'in the community's interest,' it comes [down] to those who are white and wealthy."

SIMS' SOLUTIONS: THE REAL DEAL?

Although Cruz's description of Jordan's homeless policy sounds responsible and reasonable, with promises of vocational training and interaction with community agencies, the actions of the police and Jordan's firm anti-panhandling position seem to indicate a different, harsher agenda. Vitale notes with irritation that Mayor Jordan gave his speech to the Salvation Army the same night that the SFPD started sweeping the homeless out of Union Square.

Kent Sims is the man many suspect is ultimately behind the get tough public posture of the Jordan administration. He is the Mayor's laissez faire free market economist who runs the office of Economic Planning and Development. While *SF Bay Times* was unable to reach Sims directly, his draft proposal, prepared for the Mayor in April, is fairly clear-cut in its goals: Reduce the number of homeless in the city by any means necessary. Sims' paper argues that San Francisco is a magnet for homeless people from around the Bay Area; that the City offers a plethora of services and that ways must be found to stop the alleged inflow of homeless. The ultimate goal is to reduce the visible numbers of homeless in the City.

The relevant portion of Sims' proposal is titled: "Reduce San Francisco's Attractiveness to Homeless Persons." Sims writes, "We need to develop the reputation of a tough—not an easy—place to be homeless." In order to achieve that goal, Sims advocates the vigorous enforcement of existing laws, an increased police presence to discourage begging, and a high-profile campaign encouraging residents not to give money to panhandlers. He argues for the strict enforcement of prohibitions against sleeping in public, the identification and deportation of fugitives from other areas, and the identification of those with support systems elsewhere. He wants to ship them out of town, as well.

Is it a coincidence that what has actually been happening to the homeless under Jordan in the last month so closely resembles Sims' proposal?

Cruz flatly denies that Kent Sims' proposal is the Mayor's hidden agenda. Vitale says that Cruz may be right on target about Sims' proposal not being the driving force behind Jordan's policy. But, he says, this is only because power struggles within the Mayor's office mean no one individual has overriding influence over homeless policy for very long. "What we have seen of the Jordan administration is disarray and infighting, which is the result of a lack of vision," says Vitale. "Jordan has these rhetorical ideas about how a government would work, but Frank, it just ain't so."

Vitale says three separate positions have emerged: Jordan's, Cruz' and Sims'. "One day it is one, one day it is the other. Sims lays down a hard line, the Mayor ameliorates it. Then, the implementation is all three," says Vitale. "The Mayor is saying we have to balance the rights of homeless with the need to keep the streets clean. But then there are illegal crackdowns [on the homeless]."

One thing the Jordan administration appears committed to is keeping the homeless out of sight. This worries Marsha Rosen of the Lawyers' Committee for Urban Affairs. "The idea is that if we crack down on enough people, [then] word

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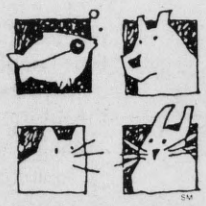

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will get out and it will make them disappear. I don't think that will happen. It will just make their already difficult lives very difficult.

"There is tremendous concern about trying to clean up the image of San Francisco without dealing with the impact of those policies on human life," says Rosen. "In a very personal way it is very easy to want to turn your head away [from the homeless]. It is painful to look at. But we should [also] be looking at the extremely wealthy as a failure of our society. Those who have too much food, too many homes—they are the by-products of the failure of the system."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

If you really want to find a major concentration of homeless people, go to jail, say sources inside the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant. "Everyone talks about the homeless being picked up; it is common knowledge among the sheriffs," says one source.

Another source said that when police sweeps get underway, those caught in the net often end up in SFPD holding tanks in the basement of 850 Bryant. Then they are released, without ever being placed in the custody of the sheriff's department, which is normal procedure.

Because those arrested in the street sweeps are not always officially booked, there is no paper trail from the sheriff's department which would show they had been picked up and taken to 850 Bryant. Thus, any complaints homeless people make about illegal arrests are not substantiated with paperwork.

When homeless people are charged, it is with misdemeanors. They spend only a few hours in jail and are cited out. Since they often fail to show up for court appearances, further warrants are issued for their arrest.

The jail was full of homeless during the mayoral elections, say sources at 850 Bryant. But instead of the numbers of incarcerated homeless dropping once Agnos was out, as was expected by people at the jail, the numbers have remained high, until very recently.

"We seem to be processing a lot of them," adds a source. "We are seeing more people in jail because they are cutting back on clinics. There are a lot more psychiatric cases. As they cut back on other services in the City, the jail becomes one of the few places people can get services. The jail has medical services, dental services and psychiatric services."

Both the SFPD and the sheriff's department officially deny there has been any change in policy regarding the homeless or the numbers of homeless being picked up. "We don't pick up people just because they are homeless," says Sgt. Jerry Senkir of the SFPD. Richard Dyer of the sheriff's department says the jail has become steadily more crowded over the past five years, regardless of who is mayor.

Out in the streets, homeless people, panhandlers and *Street Sheet* vendors the *SF Bay Times* spoke to said that the level of harassment they suffer at the hands of the SFPD has more to do with individual officers than executive policies handed down from the Mayor's office. They say the level of harassment and/or tolerance is reasonably consistent.

Activists at the Coalition on Homelessness say, however, that they are hearing more complaints, overall, from homeless people and vendors, who say harassment levels have gone up in the past month and a half. "The message is, if you look poor, there are certain areas of the town they don't want you to be in," says Paul Boden.

Don Hesse, coordinator of the Human Rights Commission's Fair Housing unit, says, "Moving them out of Union Square solves the merchants' problem. But that does not solve the city of San Francisco's problem. We are just moving them around."

"There are parameters in society as to how you are allowed to making your living."
—Jim Lazarus

Vitale says *Street Sheet* vendors are now told to stop selling the paper in certain areas of town or have their papers confiscated. He also says when police make warrant checks at Fisherman's Wharf, the officers confiscate homeless people's identification papers, making it impossible for them to pick up general assistance checks. When asked about the practice, Sgt. Senkir says that this is the first he has ever heard of the tactic.

BANNING BEGGING

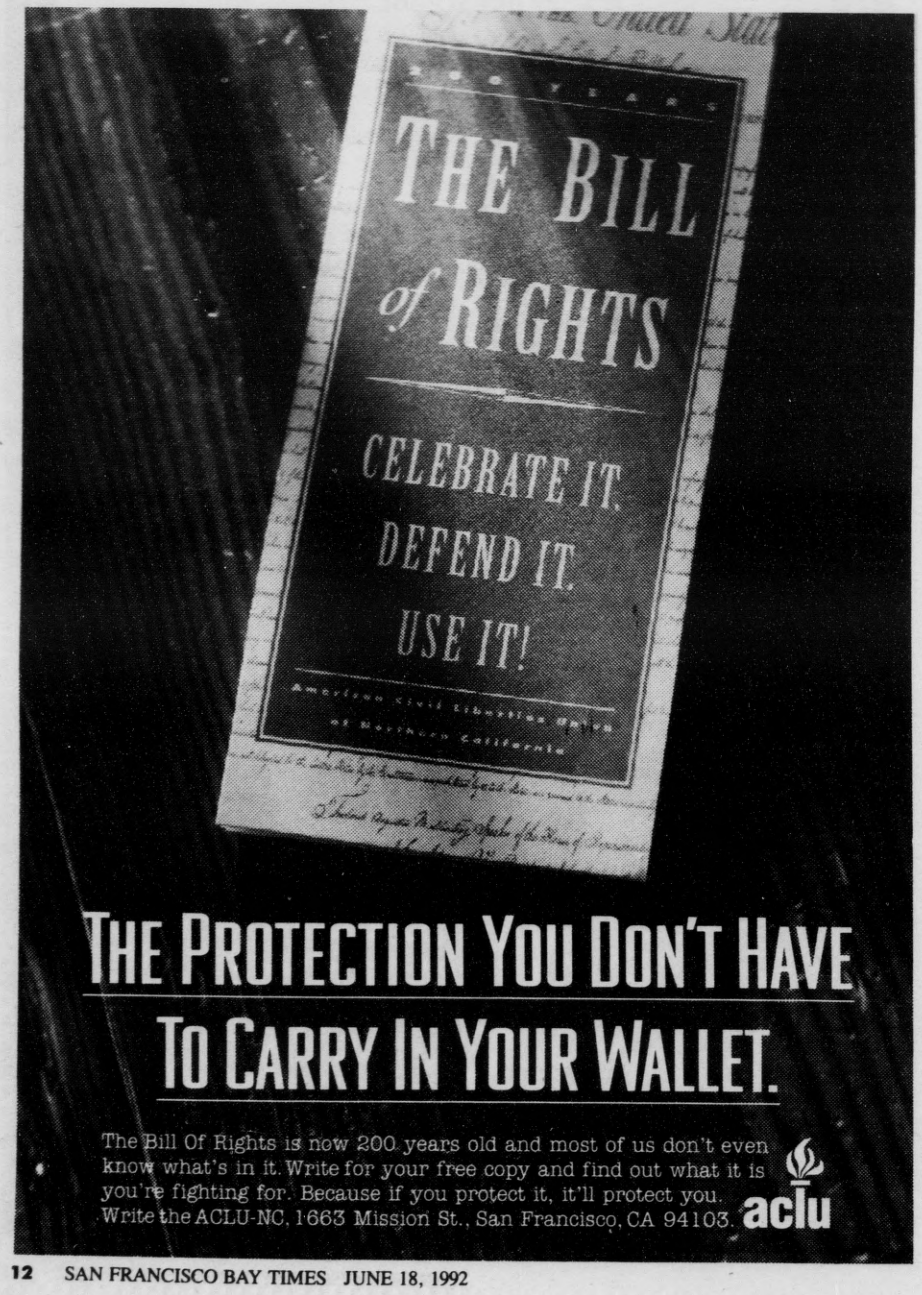
The federal judiciary declared, in a San Francisco-based case brought to court by the ACLU, that panhandling is constitutionally protected free speech; however, the Jordan administration and the Council of District Merchants are doing their best to restrict the practice. Their strategy is to go after "aggressive panhandlers" with the new local ordinance currently sitting on the Mayor's desk.

Cruz says the administration believes "there needs to be a message to aggressive panhandlers... that this behavior will not be tolerated." He says that "harassment and coercive intimidation in order to procure money on the street should not be tolerated."

But what exactly is aggressive panhandling? Critics say the concept is vague, and they argue statutes are already on the books prohibiting extortion, assault and blocking people's path. Margaret Crosby, one of the ACLU attorneys who successfully challenged the City's anti-begging law, says cautiously, "We will be scrutinizing the new law to make sure the City is not just trying to find a way of silencing [the homeless]." Crosby believes panhandlers serve to remind the rest of us that "there is poverty in the midst of affluence," and says that "their plight should not be forgotten."

A PLAN TO FORGET

On June 26, in a joint press conference, the Mayor and the Council of District Merchants will announce Jordan's support for a "high-profile campaign" encouraging San Franciscans to refrain from giving money to panhandlers. The campaign consists of signs placed in local merchants' windows. The poster has a picture of a hand with coins falling into it and a bright red universal "No Entry" symbol slashed through it. The rest of the poster reads "Please Don't Support Panhandling! Please! Provide a helping



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hand—not a handout! We encourage our clientele to give thoughtfully and generously to the charity of their choice." A flyer accompanying the poster lists 15 local charities that serve the homeless.

The poster campaign is the brainchild of Kingston Cole of San Franciscans for Responsible Government, a broad-based conservative coalition of business groups. "The point is not to be against the homeless. The purpose of the list is to balance the needs of the community and of the truly needy." Cole says the campaign is an attempt to deal with public concern about panhandling. "People say, 'Give us an alternative. We really want to help the homeless...' We are not offering a panacea. What it does do is speak to aggressive panhandling."

Yet, when the *SF Bay Times* tried to contact 13 of the charities on the list, only one even knew their name had been given out as a reference. Both the Dolores Street Sanctuary and Hospitality House were irate about their name being used to promote an anti-panhandling policy, while four other groups' responses ranged from "no comment," to offering lukewarm support, to outright opposition to the policy.

Father William Nern, of the Episcopal Sanctuary, and Reverend Cecil Williams, of Glide Church, had no problems with the campaign.

Robert Tobin, director of Hospitality House, who opposes the campaign, says, "This is soliciting under false pretenses, which is pretty much what they accuse the panhandlers of." Tobin argues that most agencies in town are already overflowing, so any additional funds will not lead to new programs.

"People that are panhandling, generally, are the ones who can't get in [to emergency shelters], so giving to agencies won't help those that are panhandling," says Tobin.

The problem both sides of the debate acknowledge is that not all the panhandlers are homeless, and not all the homeless are panhandlers: The underlying problem is poverty. Geoffrey Froner, director of the Health Outreach Team, says the term "homelessness" is a misnomer. "What we have is a housing problem, a lack of housing, a lack of jobs and a lot of people who end up in very difficult situations and have nowhere to live. Sometimes they are on the street and they are called the homeless. But what about the people who live on someone's couch for two or three weeks? Or someone who is in an SRO and barely staying there?"

THE FALLOUT

In an effort to alleviate the housing crisis in San Francisco, Mayor Jordan announced on June 15 that the City will be earmarking $3 million of city funds for low-cost housing for 156 people. That money will leverage an additional $3 million out of federal coffers in matching funds to provide housing for the homeless, people with AIDS, substance users, the mentally ill and homeless veterans.

This is a start, but it is a drop in the bucket of what is needed. According to the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Study, drafted in 1991, and now supported by Mayor Jordan, the City needs to spend some $15 million in local housing development to start building an estimated 3,360 housing units over the next five years. According to the Mayor's office, that $15 million is in this year's budget, which will guarantee much-needed federal funding.

Marsha Rosen says the increase in the numbers of homeless, both in San Francisco and nationally, represent the failure of public policy over the past 12 to 15 years. "They are the human by-product of social and economic policies that have transferred wealth to the upper two percent of the population, and starved more and more people on the bottom. They are the failure of social service programs and housing programs, and a failure to provide jobs that people can live on."

The issue of the homeless cannot be ignored. As Paul Boden caustically noted, "Nobody gave a fuck about South Central L.A. until the riots happened. That is the end result of an 'out of sight, out of mind' policy."

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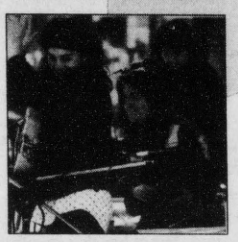

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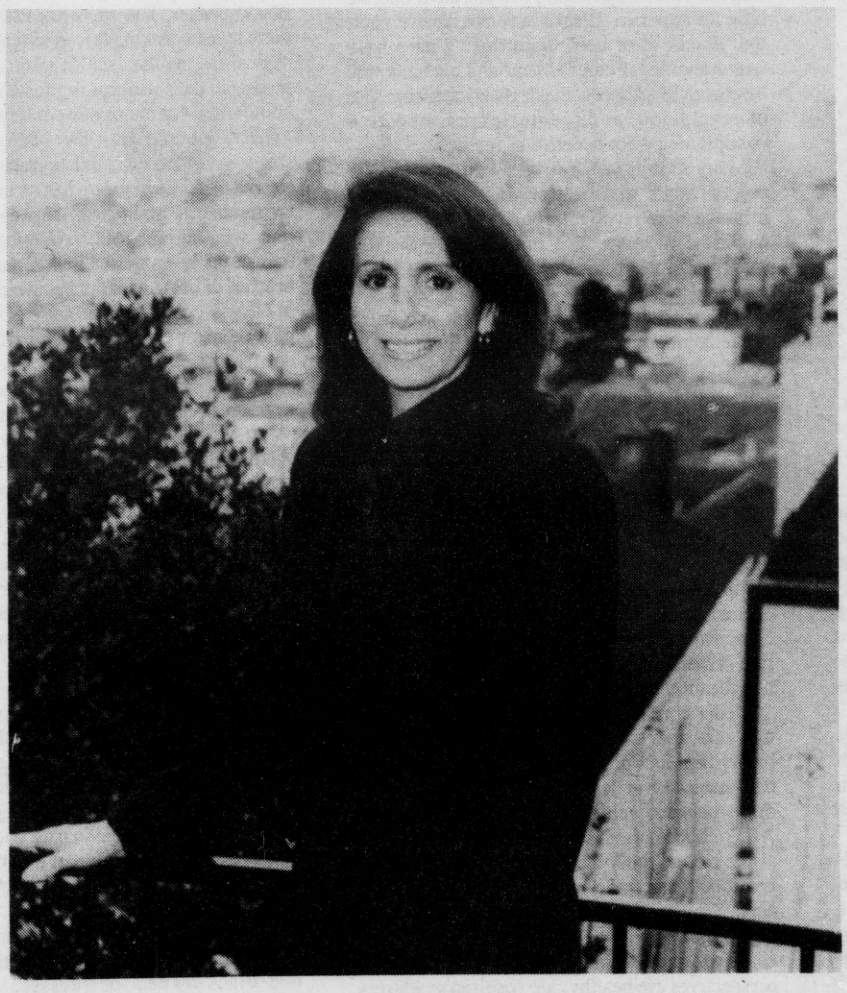

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Are we losing sight of something?

Oppression and Consequences

COMMENTARY BY THOM BEAN

They let us off from work early that day. Everybody was afraid of what might happen. Some still are. The L.A. riots were an outcry for social justice by the oppressed. San Francisco, Atlanta, New York responded in kind—with violence.

Recognizing and overcoming oppression is complicated. What has this to do with lesbians and gays? It is impossible to talk about the oppression of lesbians and gays without discussing related oppression in our society. Likewise with finding solutions. There are multiple levels of oppression and multiple ways in which we internalize and express those experiences.

What is oppression? Oppression is the umbrella under which all "isms" fall: Ageism, racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, etc. We can all be victims. We can all be oppressors. Recently, we have seen more gay-bashing, more rape within families, the burning of Korean stores, the shooting of children and the beatings of a Black motorist and a white motorist in L.A. These are all violent examples of oppression.

Oppression is sometimes physical—sometimes not. There is an epidemic of homeless youth who are ostracized and driven to prostitute themselves in order to survive. That is oppression and a sad introduction to being "gay."

Walking down 18th, ½ block from Castro, three white guys in a red convertible called out: "Go home, nigger!"

Racism is just one type of oppression. The late Mike Smith, founder of Black and White Men Together (BWMT), said: "Blacks and other people of color are bystanders, coping with the effects of racism. Its cause, its origin, is ours (white people). Whites created racism; whites perpetrate it. It's a white problem."

Smith went on to explain the white paradigm of power and how it takes both prejudice plus dominant power in society in order to be racist. "People of color can be prejudiced. People of color can discriminate. But without the absolute control of this society, which white people have, they cannot be racists."

If we accept Smith's theory on a global scale, racism remains the same, but the faces of the racists change, depending upon where you are. For example, Koreans could be racists in Korea, where they run the country. But not in South-Central Los Angeles, where their status is more ambiguous. Koreans who were racists in Korea could come here with their prejudices intact.

We can no longer view racism as a Black/White issue. We must take a broader view of racism's context in oppression. Its social, economic, political significance wherever it exists.

Of course, the Black/White issues have yet to be resolved. There is a history, a cultural imperative, and an inextricable link that is unique and independent of all else which exists between Black and white people because of our history. We cannot look at racism in America and expect to resolve it only through laws or the merits of arguments against it. We cannot trust the system that oppresses us to resolve it. We cannot leave it to the powers that be.

White Americans tire easily of hearing about racism; they enjoy their power too much to voluntarily and unilaterally share that power without cause. Too many unemployed—both unskilled and skilled in the streets—may be that cause. There was more of a need for cheap labor prior to the Reagan-Bush era. But with the influx of immigrants and the export of jobs, no more. The Reagan-Bush legacy is: No more guilt, no more need. The "problem" has become what to do with dispensable people. All those prisoners, homeless, gays, people of color, single mothers, poor people, PWAs, and others who, for whatever reason, would be excluded from the restricted country clubs and communities that dot America's suburbs are now the "problem." Not the abandonment of the working class or the sacking of this economy by the rich and powerful.

CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE

Unfortunately, we have no national leadership. We have pollsters and pimps pandering to public opinion. One of the most racist policies of the Bush administration has been to routinely deny amnesty to Haitians and return them to certain torture and probable death in Haiti. Yet the gates of immigration are wide open to Europe and the Pacific Rim. Before the L.A. fires, one rarely saw Asians marching for peace and freedom in the streets of America.

It was Blacks and whites who weathered the civil rights era here in America. It was the civil disobedience of students and disenfranchised Blacks that broke the color barrier in employment, housing and—to some degree—politics. Yet America remains one of the most segregated societies in the world.

This writer was asked to sit on a panel at the Writers' and Editors' Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Press Association. The theme was "Minorities Within the Minority." My co-facilitator, a lesbian, spoke eloquently regarding feminism, racism and the need for diverse voices in the lesbian and gay press. She spoke of not using the word "minority" because it perpetuates inequality.

This writer talked about three major features printed in *The Advocate*, all having to do with Blacks and oppression, and their not having been listed in *The Advocate Index*; also discussed was an ad for white racists in *Drummer*.

Three white men and one white woman attended. One of the men noted that the people who needed to hear this were not there. After both our presentations, questions were only asked of my co-facilitator. At the workshop's end, we were asked by one of the men to pose for a photo. I put my arm around my co-facilitator and the photographer remarked: "Well, that's one shot they won't print—a Black man with his arm around a white woman."

Because of Black persistence through the '70s, some progress in civil rights was made. Then the immigrants came. It became fashionable to support the Vietnamese boat people and the Cuban refugees—that is, until white America discovered that some of them were Black!

"Some people watch things happen.
Some people wonder why things happen.
Some people make things happen."
—Shirley Chisholm

Many immigrants do not perceive the wide range in class and standing among Black people. They do not understand or care that were it not for the sacrifices made by some Black people through civil disobedience, they would not have opportunity in this land. Whites also seem to have forgotten that Black labor provided the economic base for America. Blacks have not created ghettos. Blacks have been discarded. Whites have withdrawn legal employment and an economic base from Black areas. Black ghettos exist because of exclusion and centuries of negative conditioning—not because of inclusion.

Many immigrants arrive with respect for power: white male power. It is the relentless message they receive through the mainstreatm media—a message also promoted by the gay press. Non-white images are usually isolated, relegated to the sports or entertainment section (if not crime-related), and lack social context or merit in the community. That is because there is little social context in the community. Less now than there was in the '60s! Media images of drugs and welfare are shown as Black. Reports are disconnected and sensational. Simplistic spins, easy takes and 30-second sound bites replace the complexity of cultural and economic upheaval.

Powerful, opinion-molding media images drone on with disregard as to how these images influence, how they relate to each other, how they set up models for unfathomable failure. So many current stereotypes—destructive stereotypes—come from the media. Think of Sharon Stone's role in *Basic Instinct*. Stereotypes are the institutionalization of defamation.

Media portrayals lead many in our society to universalized correlations: Lesbians = man-haters/frigid; Women = sexual objects/ secondary status/servitude/prostitutes; Blacks = crime/drugs/poverty/welfare; Gays = effeminacy/AIDS/child molestation/white men.

We can all think of more—and worse. There is no doubt that these associations are sometimes applicable. It is the balanced picture which is lacking here, the coverage which helps the public put negative images into perspective. Different perspectives are healthy; are required to address today's complex issues. Out of different perspectives grows deterence of stereotypes and sensitive associations in the media. Obviously, more is required than mere tokenism or working within an ol' boy system that only characterizes women, Blacks and gays as above. Our organizations, our colleagues, our social circles cannot speak/hear/feel differently without being different in deed or in composition from those we would criticize.

There is a difference between social justice, and law and order. Many in our society do not see some police as a threat to their sense of respect, dignity and justice. Many "outsiders" share a different perspective.

The fact that a predominantly white jury without any Black people could see the excessive force and dehumanization of a Black man already lying prone and brain-damaged in the street, and let the police who did it go free, is an example of what happens when a society embraces the worthlessness of Blacks rather than the value of all human life. Each faction in America is insensitive to the cries for social justice from those who are different from them.

BLACKS IN CRISIS

Each year in San Francisco, there is a march and rally to commemorate Harvey Milk. This year, it was also to commemorate Rodney King.

At the rally at City Hall, there was not one Black speaker. The white gay Establishment was there again speaking for, in absentia, Black consciousness, as they see fit to do so often in the media, in their national organizations and in our community—without our consent.

Each group fights the battle over outcast status—even those assimilationists who accept being outcasts. Each group has its in-your-face activists and its apologists. However, Black gay men's diminishing role in American society—not being openly supported in the Black community because of being gay, not being openly supported in the gay community because of being Black—puts them in crisis. Society particularly looks down on Black males because of their relative lack of status and power in a white male-dominated culture. Black males are either tolerated, ignored, placated, objectified and sexually exploited, or avoided like some diseased lepers.

Black men seldom are viewed as having authority. Black men seldom are validated as being responsible. Many Black men must contend with a matriarchal family structure in which no male figure plays a constructive or positive role. There have been too few positive Black male images in a broad range of occupations and professional roles. There are more Black men in prison than are enrolled in colleges.

Because Blacks have been imprinted with a white beauty standard, because Blacks have internalized their oppression and bought into a plantation value system designed to defeat, demoralize and disassociate them, their struggle is great. Blacks are still learning to trust each other, support each other. Though part of African culture, that has not been part of their American experience.

Most Blacks still support banks which do not offer them full services and spend their money in non-Black-owned businesses. A sense of powerlessness is *de rigueur*. Being gay is not necessarily an identity, an open-armed welcome,

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Why Not Me?

How many of my friends have died? I don't even know anymore. It seems like I've lost half my phone book. And when I tested negative, I felt like I had *betrayed* my friends, like I was better or smarter than them. Maybe that's why I didn't "play safely" that night--that way the test wouldn't mean anything.

So what am I trying to prove? That I belong? That it's got to happen someday, so why fight it? It's too much to deal with. And nobody I know even wants to talk about it.

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as much as it is another level of alienation to be endured. Because sexual orientation is not necessarily considered an identity by many people of color "in the life," the gay community is regarded as just another white community. Ironically, even with so much cause for despair, on the periphery of gay culture there is a wonderful Black gay renaissance going on—and it is being supported by the mainstream lesbian and gay community.

Some Blacks could take a lesson from the Asians who live ten in a room, sacrifice and work together to buy property, start businesses, and hire and support their own. Blacks have forgotten their African culture, their kinship. Blacks are still deep into the slavemaster's religion that was used to colonize their ancestors. Christianity promised them a better life in the great by-and-by.

Many middle class Blacks are put off by the toxicity of urban life. Too many problems. Affinity for culture does not necessarily transcend different values, sexual orientation and economic disparity. The Black middle class has to fight with Mr. Charley to do a little better than survive. Most feel they do not have to fight urban decay to be who they are. But some of the gay middle class still contend with urban living because it is exciting, anonymous and the center of gay culture. Most complaints this writer hears from other Blacks about whites have to do with whites not listening, presuming that their understanding or approval is required, acting self-important and lacking respect.

My mother cried. Someone had vandalized the tombstones of the family plot in Nashville. At the time my grandparents and aunt were buried, cemeteries were segregated by race. The deceased were kind, religious people who never were heard to utter an unkind word about anyone.

WHY BOTHER?

Dealing with uptight people who you may not like anyway can be a pain in the ass. Bother, because oppression is much larger, more interwoven, more insidious, more cumbersome than any individual's victimization. Together, we can identify and address the root causes; be more powerful than any one of us alone. By viewing racism, sexism and homophobia as part of the same fabric, we each can identify with people who are different from ourselves, fight the same battle, and form coalitions which may yet prove necessary for any of us to win.

Who is community? Community must be redefined. The gay community cannot always look like some white girls together in broadcast and in print. The invisibility of gay leaders and activists in the gay press over the past 20 years who are women and people of color is inexcusable. We must remember that Stonewall began with some kick-ass Black and Puerto Rican drag queens on the wrong side of town. Community is all of the "children," the Puerto Ricans, the Asians, the Blacks, the blond-haired, blue-eyed guys who vacation in Malibu—all lesbians and gays taking some action supportive and/or relevant to our community.

In the protest of the Irish gays marching in Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade were signs: "God kills fags" and "God hates fags."

It takes time to cultivate trust, working relationships, credibility and standards which are inclusive of the wide range of people needed to participate in a multicultural community. That trust is hard to come by in communities which suffer multiple oppression. We need racial and gender parity in our mainstream organizations and to cut the bullshit about not being able to find candidates. If we looked beyond our hermetically sealed social circles, perhaps we might find someone not exactly like ourselves.

Socialization is necessary to attract nonwhite activists. Culture and parity awareness is an important step toward developing and sustaining diversity in organizations. Within GLAAD/USA there has been an ongoing struggle over the merits of racial parity. There has been a cannibalization of our lesbian and gay leadership. We associate popularity with leadership, and expect to like the taste of the medicine. When our leaders tell the bitter truth, we kill the messenger. Noted one activist: "You are only as good as your last good deed. What you've contributed over the years is not worth mentioning."

Talented Black activists are backing away from joining the boards of lesbian and gay organizations. In conversations with experienced Black activists in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., the consensus was: "It takes too much energy to defend your credibility. Decision-making is not a shared process. They ignore you after the meeting and the photo opportunity is over."

A word on tokenism. Just having a Black, a woman, a deaf Samoan with an eye patch and a cane just to say you have "one" is not politically correct. You wouldn't support Phyllis Schlafly just because she is a woman, would you? Or Leonard Green just because he is Black? Or Dahmer, just because he is gay? Or David Duke, just because he is white? Probably not—though the majority of whites in Louisiana did. Many of us make judgments based upon just sex, race, age, size every day. We need to learn to look beyond what we see, hear, feel. Some of us have difficulty listening to anything we don't like. We must share in the responsibility for caucusing within our cultural groups and defeating the ignorance that is there.

Every group has its walking stereotypes. Every group practices some oppression of another group. However, whites have greater power to act upon their prejudices. Self-righteous people think that God is on their side. That people who are different have fewer rights, may not walk in the same neighborhood where they live, or shouldn't celebrate their diversity.

Owning our personal responsibility in victimizing others is key. Whites must address white racists, as only whites can. Blacks must address Blacks who are prejudiced, as only other Blacks can. We all share many things in common. Those shared issues are what we must identify and affirm—not only the defamation which applies to whites. Not only the disparate treatment which applies to whites. We must collectively find a common voice and object to stereotypes and defamation we view as harmful to any of us.

It is too easy to interact with someone who is the same age, the same sex, the same class, the same race. It can be uncomfortable to face our limitations and challenge ourselves to grow, to share, to avoid competing. If our choices appear to not include the socialization of those who are different, we cannot be surprised when outsiders do not join into activities after the decisions have been made and the agenda has been set.

THIS CAN BE DONE!

The new battle is against oppression, and for humanity. Not just lesbian or gay, but accepting of all difference. But we have some critical truths to share and tell before we get there. Credit must be given to the pioneering multicultural work done by MACT/NYC and NABWMT's late Jerry Mallon, editor of "Resisting Racism." Likewise, Shanti's executive director, Eric Rofes, for sticking through a two-year conversion of his organization from an all-white male staff, with all-white male focus, to a 50 percent women, 50 percent people of color staff, and a similar client base. Kudos, too, to Ellen Carton, executive director of GLAAD/NYC, who hired three persons of color to work in their previously all-white office.

Oppression is like water torture. It is not just the glaring injustices that occasionally find their way into public view. It is the unending, subtle slights, the disregard for the victim's rights, the ongoing accumulative pain, the stress that shortens our lives, the alienation and abandonment, that we must stop. The institutional racism that America has never really addressed.

Oppression discourages all that we could be, were we free to be different without the meddling and judgment of the state, the church, and each other. We must stop being spectators and participants in man's inhumanity to man. All of us, together:

Can't we all just live together?"
—Rodney King

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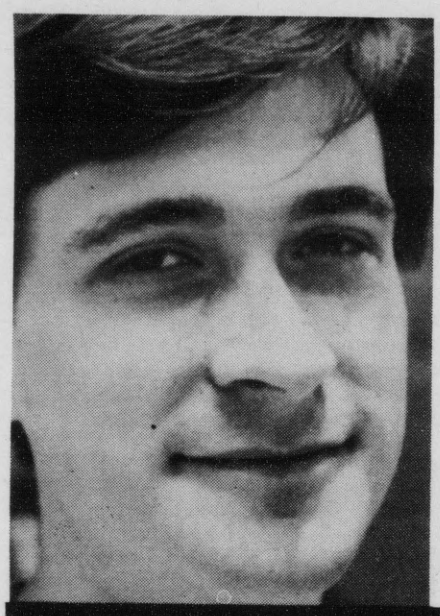

License to Preach

BY KEITH HARTMAN

I remember the first thing that anyone said to John when we got to the church.

"Relax. You're among friends."

It was a rainy night in January. We'd arrived a good 20 minutes before the meeting was set to start, so there were only a couple of other people standing around. John helped them set up folding chairs and tried to dodge conversation about the big event coming up. Gradually, the deacons and the lay members began filtering in. Quite a few of them walked over to John to wish him well and tell him not to worry.

A lot of them came over to talk with me as well. I'm not a member of Binkley Baptist, so they weren't quite sure what I was doing there. I kept introducing myself as "Keith, a friend of John's," which was usually met with a strange nod and a knowing smile. After a few minutes of this treatment, John came over and clued me in.

"I think they figure you're my boyfriend."

I offered to start introducing myself as "Keith, John's friend—just friend," but we decided that would only confuse them even more.

And then at 7:30, one of the deacons called the meeting to order and things got underway. John stood up and lead the group in prayer. And then he proceeded to tell a group of conservative Southern Baptists what it is like to be gay and why he feels the calling to be a minister.

The whole thing started almost a year ago. That's when John Blevins, a divinity student at Duke University, was presented to the deacons of Binkley Memorial Baptist in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, as a candidate to be licensed to preach the gospel. Licensing is the first step in becoming a Baptist minister. It requires the approval of the candidate's congregation, and represents their belief in his sincerity and commitment to the ministry. Usually, it's a pretty routine procedure, taking a couple of weeks to process. But then usually the candidate isn't an openly gay man who's been talking honestly with the congregation about his sexuality.

The deacons who interviewed John were united in finding that he has a sincere calling to the ministry. But they were divided over the role that his sexuality should play in their decision. Some felt that John's homosexuality made him inherently unsuitable for the ministry. But others said that if God had truly called John, then his will must be accepted and respected. In the end, the deacons arrived at a typically Baptist solution.

One of the really cool things about the Baptist Church is that each individual church is autonomous and democratic. Beliefs and policy aren't handed down from some outside authority. Instead, each congregation debates its own problems and votes on how to handle them.

The deacons at Binkley decided that rather than voting on the issue blind, they would spend several months educating themselves and the congregation about John's situation. They spent that summer and the next fall learning about gay men and lesbians, about the problems we face, the relationships we build, and the roles we want to play in the church. They put together a bibliography of scientific and theological readings on homosexuality, and obtained most of them from the church library. They invited biblical scholars to come and speak on their views on the subject. They discussed all manner of sexual issues in their sermons and their adult Sunday school classes. When one such class discussed homosexuality, several other gay members of the congregation came forward to talk about their experiences with the church. During another class on AIDS, an HIV-positive member of the congregation spoke up. The congregation thought a lot about these issues during those months. And finally, in January, they called upon John to answer their questions himself.

John began by telling the congregation about the summer after his junior year in high school, when he first felt his calling to the ministry. He was at church camp, and he remembers feeling, "something happening... something I needed to do, something I had to do, something I ought to do." At the time, he told no one about this feeling. He knew that emotions often run high at church summer camps, and that many of his friends would make promises then that they would never follow through on. He didn't know if his own commitment would outlast the summer. But it turned out to be a feeling that never left him.

John also told the congregation about his struggle with his sexuality. By the time he received the calling, John had already realized that he was attracted to men. He talked about his fear and his frustration at not being able to ask anyone for help. He spoke of the times that he prayed to God to remove this attraction, to heal it. And he also spoke of the time, years later, when he finally came to accept it, to see it as a natural part of himself; when he came to realized that God hadn't fixed it because it was never something broken in the first place.

Some members of the congregation asked John about the biblical prohibitions against homosexual acts. John answered them by pointing to times in the past when scripture had been used to justify unjust behavior. The Southern Baptist Church used to cite scripture to prove that the enslavement of Blacks was a moral practice. Some Southern Baptists still use passages from the Bible to argue that women should be subjugated to their men. Should we accept these interpretations, and go back to the days of slavery? Or should we instead take a look at what is going on in our world, and ask how a loving and fair God would have us act. With compassion, or with bigotry?

Another member of the congregation asked if John thought that a gay minister could be a good role model for children. John answered the unspoken part of the question by saying that he didn't think that seeing a gay minister would lead a child to take up homosexuality. "After all, a heterosexual minister didn't cause me to be straight." But John also pointed out that the congregation would need to accept the fact that some of its children are going to grow up to be gay. And having a gay minister to talk with, and a church which accepts them, might make those children's lives a lot easier. Particularly when they're coming to terms with their sexuality and learning how to use it in a responsible way.

Some other members were more concerned with the consequences for Binkley of licensing John. They pointed out that one deacon had already left the church, and they expressed their fear that other members might do the same. They asked John if his licensing was really worth the division it was causing in the church.

John responded by saying that the division on the issue of homosexuality had been there long before he had ever joined Binkley. He was simply bringing it to the surface, where it could be discussed and debated, and hopefully healed.

"The church has got to deal with this issue," he said. "It's not going to go away. There are a lot of people who already feel alienated from the church. Will we reach out to them, or take the easy route by denying them?"

All told, there were about 40 questions, and it took John a few hours to get through them all. When it was all over, he gave me a ride back to Durham. During the drive we talked about how he handled the questions, about logical points that he could have made clearer, about things that he could have said differently. The only thing we didn't talk about was what John would do if the congregation voted not to license him.

I know John pretty well, so I can't claim to be an objective source. But then, there are some things that you just can't explain with a strictly objective retelling of the facts. Like the way John looks, or the way he sounds, or the way he makes you feel when he speaks. When the people at the meeting looked at John, all they could see was one of their own. They just weren't able to see him as some threat, some radical bent on destroying their faith. Even the ones who were looking for a monster in him couldn't find one. And when you hear John speak about the church, you can't help but hear his passion for it. The one thing that no one has ever doubted is the sincerity of John's calling. After you know him for a while, it's just impossible to imagine him becoming anything except a minister. And if God himself has called John to the ministry, I don't think anybody else will want to stand in the way of that.

When I was 14, I felt a lot of hostility toward the church. It's the kind of anger you feel the first time you discover that something you thought was perfect isn't, that there is nothing absolutely pure in this world, and that no institution lives up to all its ideals. When I look back on it, there were three people who eventually convinced me that there are still some worthwhile things in the church, that it's an institution worth fighting to improve. Strangely enough, none of those three ever tried to convince me of anything. I just saw them acting on their beliefs, and I saw the things that they were willing to take a stand on. And in John's case, I also saw a church that was willing to listen to him, a church that wasn't smugly sure of itself, a church that was willing to look for the truth rather than assuming that it already had a monopoly on it. And that gives me a lot of hope.

A week after the meeting, the deacons met to render their verdict. One of them abstained from the process; seven voted against John's licensing; 15 of them affirmed it, and recommended John to the lay members.

A month later, on April 5, the congregation as a whole gathered to make its final decision. After hours of debate, they finally cast the vote. A majority of 57.5 percent expressed their faith in John. That evening he was at last awarded a License to Preach the Gospel.

Since then, things have been a bit rocky for Binkley. Other Southern Baptists were outraged by such blatant support of homosexuality, and moved to exact vengeance. On June 9, the Southern Baptist Convention kicked the entire church out of the fold. On the same day, the convention essentially struck down the Baptist tradition of autonomous churches and began issuing decrees of faith. From now on, the convention declared, all Southern Baptists must accept opposition to homosexuality as part of their creed.

Binkley itself isn't too affected by all this. They've been financially independent from the convention for years. The seven deacons who opposed John's licensing have left for another church, but the majority of the lay members have stuck it out. As Linda Jordan, the head minister, said, "We were trying to make an honest decision and we will now take whatever consequences that entails."

As for John—well, Binkley and I are both going to miss him. He's landed a job with an American Baptist Church in Chicago, so he'll be leaving town in August. He came over for dinner a few nights ago, and told me about this flood of mail he's been getting from other gay Southern Baptists. Most of them are too closeted to speak out, but they seem to feel that they've found a voice in John. And who knows, maybe in a few years they will be ready to speak for themselves. And maybe in a few years their churches will be ready to listen.

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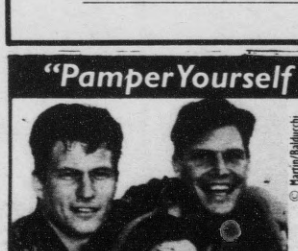

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Trevor recently received her Master's degree from San Francisco State University, majoring in recreation and leisure with a specialty in tourism. As a Master's project, she did historical research for the City's Palace of Fine Arts. She developed the project into an ongoing group of "palace guides," which now serves the landmark. This experience, coupled with Trevor's love of San Francisco, led her to believe she would like to provide tours for the gay community to "Baghdad by the Bay." The idea took on a new perspective when a guest lecturer visited one of her university classes during Trevor's last

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semester. Shirley Fong-Torres, who gives Chinatown's most popular walking tour, emphasized the advantages of conducting a tour in her own ethnic neighborhood where she speaks the language and knows the businesses personally. "That's it," exclaimed Trevor. "I will do walking tours of the Castro, my neighborhood, our history!"

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In the process of her research, Trevor discovered that the gay history of San Francisco could be traced to the 1849 Gold Rush. This is an example of one of the entertaining and informative vignettes illuminating aspects of gay history from 1849 to the present that you will hear as you visit the sites where so much of our history took place.

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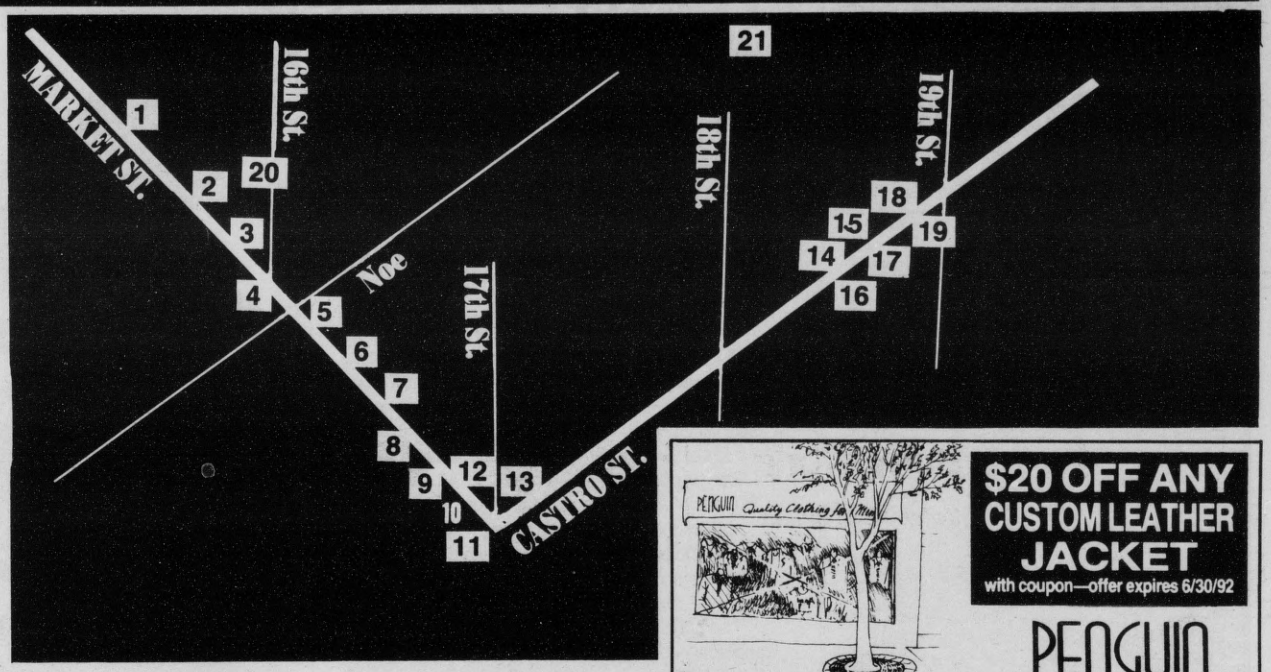

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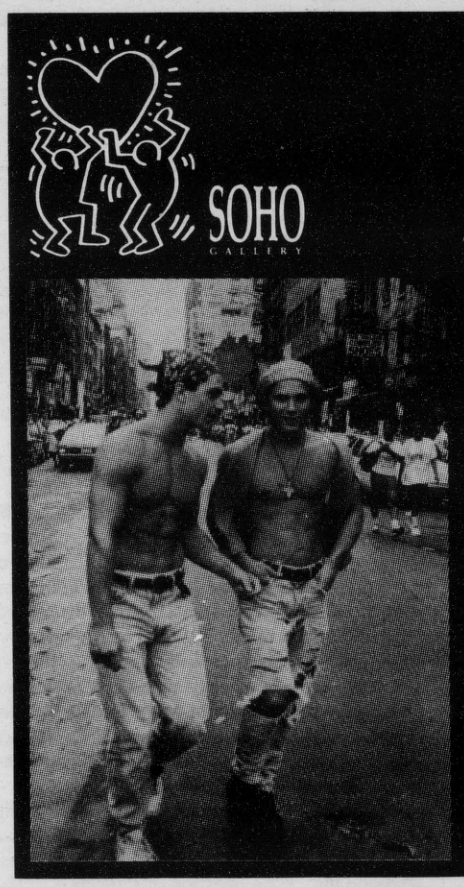

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She's Out, Sort of— Er, Hardly

The fact that the new, Republican, White House-selected Chairperson of the embattled National Endowment for the Arts is a lesbian—revealed at a May 14 press conference by Queer Nation/DC—proved a bristle in the thicket of ethical issues for the mainstream press. Their response? They blacked it out. Only the *Philadelphia Inquirer* ran the information buried "eight inches into a story about a series of protests of the NEA," reporter Stephan Salisbury told me in a recent phone interview. (The May 21 *BAR* reported the story locally.)

The main issues in outing stories are relevance and newsworthiness. Is 44-year-old Anne-Imelda Radice's homosexuality germane to her stewardship of the federal arts-funding bureaucracy? Is an "outing" *ipso facto* news, or does it have to be contextualized? Are the mainstream media shirking their news-gathering and reporting duties by spiking the information?

Inquirer reporter Salisbury said his paper decided that "the issue of homosexuality had been so much a part of the NEA story that it was quite pertinent that the acting chairman of the NEA is gay." He said the *Inquirer* treats outing on "a case by case basis"; in this case, "Everyone in the art world, the press corps and Washington knew [Radice is a lesbian]. It was a matter of letting our general readers know."

The *Washington Post* decided not to send reporters to the press conference because "the general policy here is that we do not participate in these outing exercises," according to *Post* ombudsman Richard Harwood. But isn't Radice's sexuality, given NEA controversies, newsworthy? "I'm going to give you a weasel answer," Harwood told me last week. "I don't think it is." Added he: "I think the media are overwhelmingly—almost excessively— on the side of the gay/lesbian position. In terms of employment policy and treatment of these individuals, there is an enormous reservoir of sympathy and solidarity. For instance, we'd *never* ask a Democrat on the staff if he'd be offended by, say, a certain piece on Bill Clinton." His sentiments were echoed—in a statement through her assistant—by Style Editor Mary Hadar. But National Editor Fred Barasch allowed that if Radice were, say, rabidly homophobic, he'd have "no problem" with reporting her sexuality.

The *LA Times* ran nothing, Executive Calendar Editor John Lindsay told me, because "we don't out people unless they out themselves. Beyond that, it's a question of relevance." The paper ran a Radice interview May 29, but Lindsay said the issue was purposefully not broached. "We see nothing to indicate that her political actions have anything to do with her sexual preference," he said, adding, "That's not to say we aren't looking into this thing."

What should she do if we think she isn't what she is?

The *Washington Times*, the capital's conservative, Bush-apologist, Sun Yung Moon-owned afternoon paper, ran nothing. Deputy National Editor Ken Hanner said, through an assistant editor, that the paper has "a non-outing policy." A San Francisco *Examiner* editor told me the paper ran nothing because "we didn't have a *story*—other than that the Philadelphia *Inquirer* had outed Radice. We tried to get some faxes, made an attempt—but nothing came up." (Editors at the *New York Times*, and representatives of QN/DC, did not return phone calls by press time.)

The May 28 *Chron* ran a Jesse Hamlin-penned "Datebook" piece on Radice's Sacramento appearance the day before. Hamlin noted that Radice denied two $10,000 grants to art shows featuring human genitalia, but wrote nothing about the outing incident. "We would print [the information] if it became an issue involving her competence, or if it was raised in the political arena," "Datebook" editor Bob Graham said recently. "If a Senator brought this up in a hearing, and she responded, we would report that." Graham distinguished between "advocacy journalism and the mainstream," noting that if the QN press conference had occurred locally, "it probably would not have become a separate story in the next day's paper."

Hamlin himself told me he hadn't heard about the outing before pegging Radice for a ten-minute, on-the-run interview. "Had I known that," he said, "I would have brought it up."

In the final analysis, it's clear the mainstream press missed a newsworthy story. To claim that outing is "political," and therefore not worth reporting, is to ignore that Radice's NEA appointment (by like-minded President Bush)—and, indeed, the Jesse Helms-spearheaded attacks on the agency—were supremely political. Questions the press could have pursued: did Bush know Radice is a dyke before appointing her? If so, what does that mean? If not, will he let her go because of it?

This is a political hot potato in an election year—one that mainstream readers may never have the opportunity to make up their minds about.

A BIRD IN THE HAND, A DODO IN THE VP'S OFFICE

While we're on the subject of anti-intellectualism and governmental impotence, the Dan Quayle/Murphy Brown flap sure pricked a national bubble. In his May 19 speech at the Commonwealth Club here, Quayle demonized "decades of changes in social mores," and blamed "the lawless social anarchy" of the L.A. riots on "the breakdown of the family structure, personal responsibility and social order."

By harping on "Judeo-Christian values," Quayle appealed to a Christian right that, the May 12 *Chron* reports, is "running 'stealth candidates' for a myriad of local races" in order to form a grass-roots political foundation nationwide. The fundamentalists talk about "a return to wholesomeness," about "the heresy of democracy" and the "inordinate impact" of lesbians and gays at the voting booth. Surfing voter apathy and the anti-incumbency mood (the same factors hurling H. Ross Perot into the presidential campaign spotlight), the Christian Right placed no less than *90* candidates on San Diego school boards, city councils and irrigation districts in 1990. "They have taken over most of the Republican Central Committees in California," a watchdog group representative tells *Chron* reporter Don Lattin. Says Jay Grimstead, a Christian Right candidate, "Our ranks are a bit thin now, but by 1996, we really will be something for the liberals to fear."

Ex columnist Rob Morse, who's improved since last summer, when I attacked him for blasting queer activists, noted in a May 21 column on the Quayle flap that "the 'traditional American family' that the Republicans invoke is about as real as *The Brady Bunch*"—whose patriarch, actor Robert Reed, died recently of what Morse correctly called "complications from AIDS." The columnist then unveiled his own family's dysfunctional "family values"— sexual denial, alcoholism, false normalcy—adding, "My family never told me this. I just picked it up."

In a speech last week before the Southern Baptist Convention, Quayle attacked the putatively values-free "cultural elite," decried recent societal changes that have "created a cultural divide in our country," and blasted gay/lesbian parents. Not coincidentally, 18,000 Southern Baptists at the conference subsequently voted to approve an amendment to their constitution that will bar homosexuality from the church, and to oust two congregations that had sanctioned homosexuality.

Chron columnist Jon Carroll nailed it June 12: "During the first nine years of the Reagan/Bush administrations, the number of children below the poverty line *increased* by more than 1 million. It wasn't the cultural elite who did that; it wasn't the queers or the pundits or the television actors; it wasn't the lesbians who want to have children. It is the indifference of the political elite that has accelerated the spiral down into poverty and produced a generation of children without hope."

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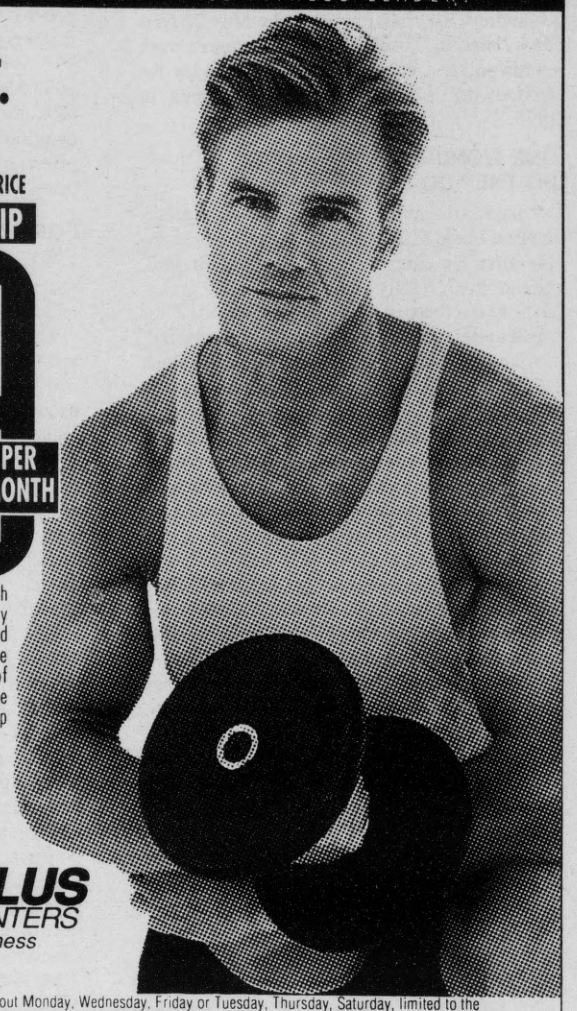

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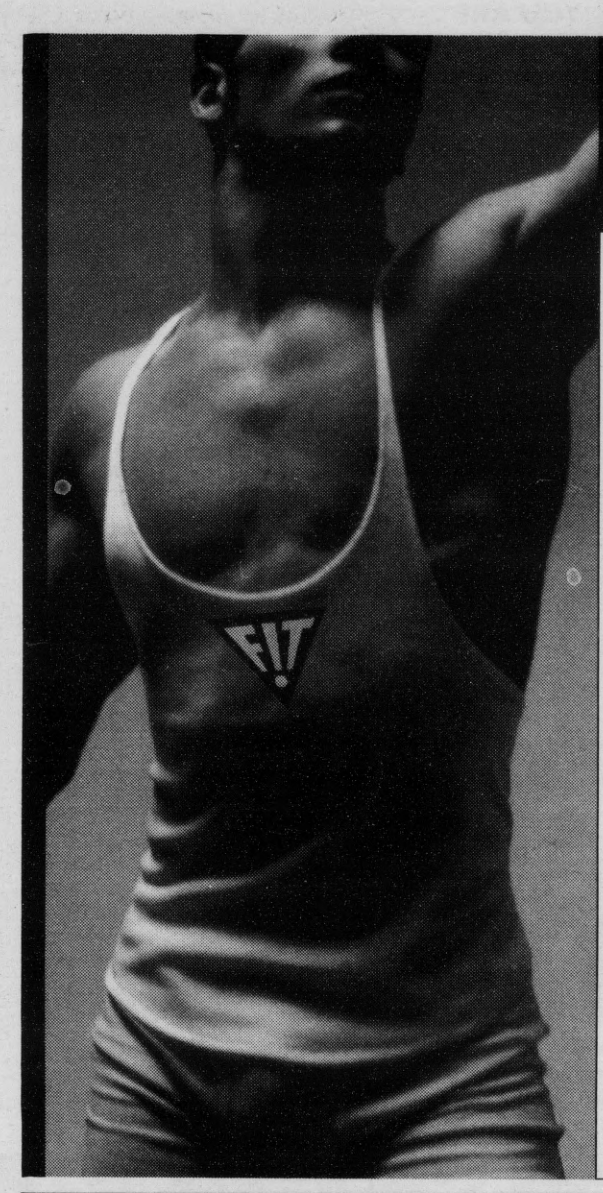

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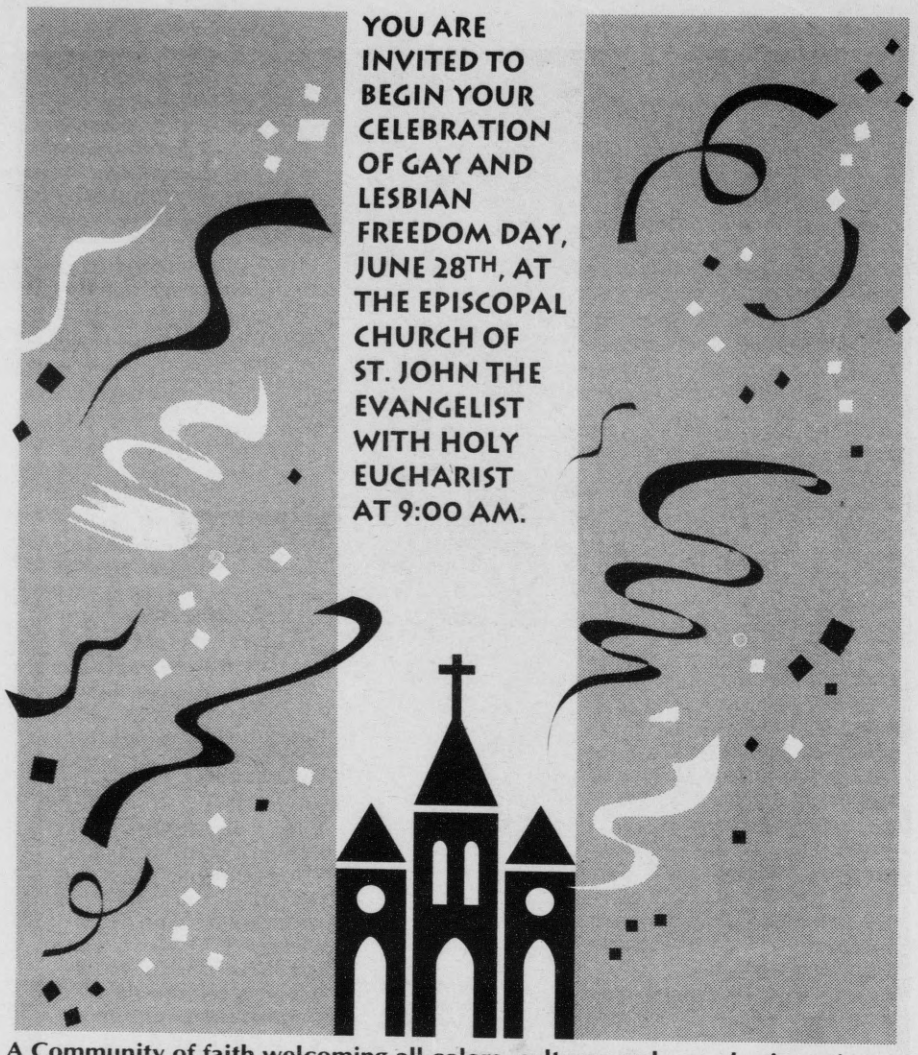

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hemorrhage of Republicans gushing over Perot, Quayle is hammering the "family values" theme, as Andrew Rosenthal noted in the May 22 *New York Times*, to "[further] his ongoing repair work on his political image and his efforts to lay the groundwork for a Presidential campaign in 1996."

ONE WONDERS: DO THEY DO WINDOWS?

Quayle arrogantly, laughably told teenagers at the Bret Harte Middle School in Los Angeles the day after his controversial "Murphy Brown" speech that "Hollywood just doesn't get it. They're out there in the world of comfort. They ought to be with me where the real America is."

Like—in San Francisco's Hunter's Point neighborhood. The May 20 *Chron* reported that before giving his Commonwealth Club speech, the Vice President visited the largely minority district, but only after a predawn "army of street-sweepers, tow trucks, SWAT teams, motorcycle cops and secret service men in suits and sunglasses converged on...[the] area."

Residents told the *Chron* that "six tow trucks swooped down on a yard behind one public housing apartment building, a place where thieves usually strip their recently stolen cars. The entire area was cleared by 7 am, a good hour before Quayle's arrival." Said one resident: "They come in here and clean up the place for this one guy's visit. It's a joke." Said another: "Boy, I bet the money spent on all this could have gone to a lot of other uses in this neighborhood." Said another: "I wish the hell he'd go back to Washington." Said another: "Look at all these cops here. They never, I mean never, come around here unless there's a killing—or a vice president shows up." Said another: "The way they cleaned up this area for his visit makes it look like Fantasy Island"—in other words, like Quayle's "real America."

Not surprisingly, adolescents offered the wisest insights into Quayle's bizarre values system. South Central L.A. student Tracee Anderson, 14, told the May 20 *Ex* that Quayle's derisive comments about single mothers were "wrong and the kids here know it. You get through life with what you have and my mother and the rest of the mothers do their jobs well." Said Jonnai Radar, 13: "What if you have two parents and they beat you? It's better to have one parent than none at all." Vanessa Martinez, 14, posed a rhetorical question in the May 21 *Chron*: "What would you prefer, a single mom or a dad who gets drunk and beats your mom?"

FOR SCREEN QUEENS, A TREAT

What would you prefer, an idiotic vice president who demonizes television shows, or a passel of really fierce queer films?

This year's San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival —the 16th—opens tomorrow, and offers an enthralling cornucopia of tributes, panels and vids 'n' flicks: the much-anticipated *The Living End*, a darkly comic road saga of two young HIV-positive men; *Swoon*, the by-now-controversial story of two law students who murder a young boy; a host of lesbian films and shorts; an evening of "Queer TV"; documentaries on disco, drag and Yma Sumac; *Examiner* pop music critic Barry Walters and Montreal critic Mausia Bociurkiw deconstructing, respectively, gay and lesbian imagery in music videos; *The Hours and Times*, a film-fest fave that posits what *really* might have happened when Beatle John Lennon and manager Brian Epstein traipsed to Spain in the mid-'60s—just to name a few.

It's especially important to support this year's Festival: it's the first in five years being produced without support from—yes—the National Endowment for the Arts. But as Frameline Executive Director Thomas DiMaria writes in this year's program: "...We must remember that there is life beyond the NEA. There is a larger context in which to view our quest for recognition."

My translation: go see queer work! Festival passes run $55; evening showings run a very reasonable $6. Call 431-9227 for further information.

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

Can Gamma Globulin Prevent Infections?

Gamma globulin is the component of human blood which contains antibodies —certain proteins which are specially made by the body to fight particular infections. A number of gamma globulin preparations are available as prescription drugs; when injected, the antibodies provide temporary protection against certain infections for up to several weeks. They provide a passive immunity (unlike vaccines, which stimulate the body's own immune system to produce antibodies and/or infection-fighting cells).

Unfortunately, the more recently available intravenous gamma globulin preparations are too expensive for widespread use (except for infants and children with HIV, who probably have a greater need for this protection than adults do). But intramuscular gamma globulin, which has been available for decades, costs very little; it is safe, FDA approved, and is routinely used to protect against various infections. It has not been formally tested for persons with HIV, and there might never be such a trial. But the safety and cost "downside" of this treatment—a sterile preparation made from HIV-negative blood—is low enough that patients and physicians may want to try it, despite the lack of formal trials.

This potential treatment was brought to our attention by Joseph A. Hertell, M.D., an internist in private practice in Atlanta, who was involved in developing intramuscular gamma globulin in the 1950s. We asked several other physicians what they thought about using this treatment for persons with HIV. Our impression is that while few HIV physicians have used it, most do not dismiss the possibility; they recognize that it does have a scientific rationale.

There is more interest among physicians in the much more expensive intravenous gamma globulin, but little use of it by adults because of the cost. Physicians can often get insurance reimbursement, however, by being very familiar with the FDA-approved non-HIV indications for this treatment; patients who are candidates can often be fit into one of those. We suspect that the low-cost intramuscular gamma globulin may be underused, since there is no commercial incentive for any company to promote it.

Dr. Hertell has had little problem getting insurance companies to pay for the intramuscular gamma globulin—which is not surprising, since this treatment costs very little and might prevent hospitalization or other expensive care. But reimbursement is not critical, since the cost is so low that most patients could pay it themselves if necessary.

AIDS Treatment News spoke with Dr. Hertell about this treatment.

(ATN) How did you decide to try gamma globulin?

(Hertell) I'm a general internist; for a while, we in Atlanta depended on the infectious disease physicians to treat HIV patients. But with the rising number of cases it became impossible for them to carry the load, so I became more involved in taking care of AIDS patients. I first tried gamma globulin because I did not see any hazard to the patient; and on the positive side, it has a number of antibodies and might be of value in preventing infections in immune-deficient persons.

We started using gamma globulin over two years ago. I usually began the treatment when patients' T-helper counts fell below 400. We have followed 14 patients using gamma globulin; only one of them has discontinued the treatment. Of the 14, three started with T-helper counts under 100, two were at 100-200, three at 200-300, five at 300-400, and one over 400.

This treatment does not seem to make much difference in the drop of the T-helper cells. What has impressed me is that none of these people has had any serious AIDS-related illnesses; in fact some of them have been able to resume activities. One with a count of 33 has gone back to work, and one with a count of 52 has taken a long vacation overseas. They're all active, and they have not had the AIDS-related illnesses I see in other patients.

We also start patients on vitamin B-12 injections after they go below 100, because they might not absorb B-12 easily from the gastrointestinal tract. This is based on studies in the very elderly, who have a compromised immune system.

Now I routinely start gamma globulin when patients go below 500 T-helper cells. That seems to be working well. I have not gone to the IV gamma globulin; that is very expensive. We do use it in pediatric HIV cases, especially when they have AIDS-related problems. But for adults it is expensive, and I see no reason for it, since the intramuscular form is rapidly taken up in the blood.

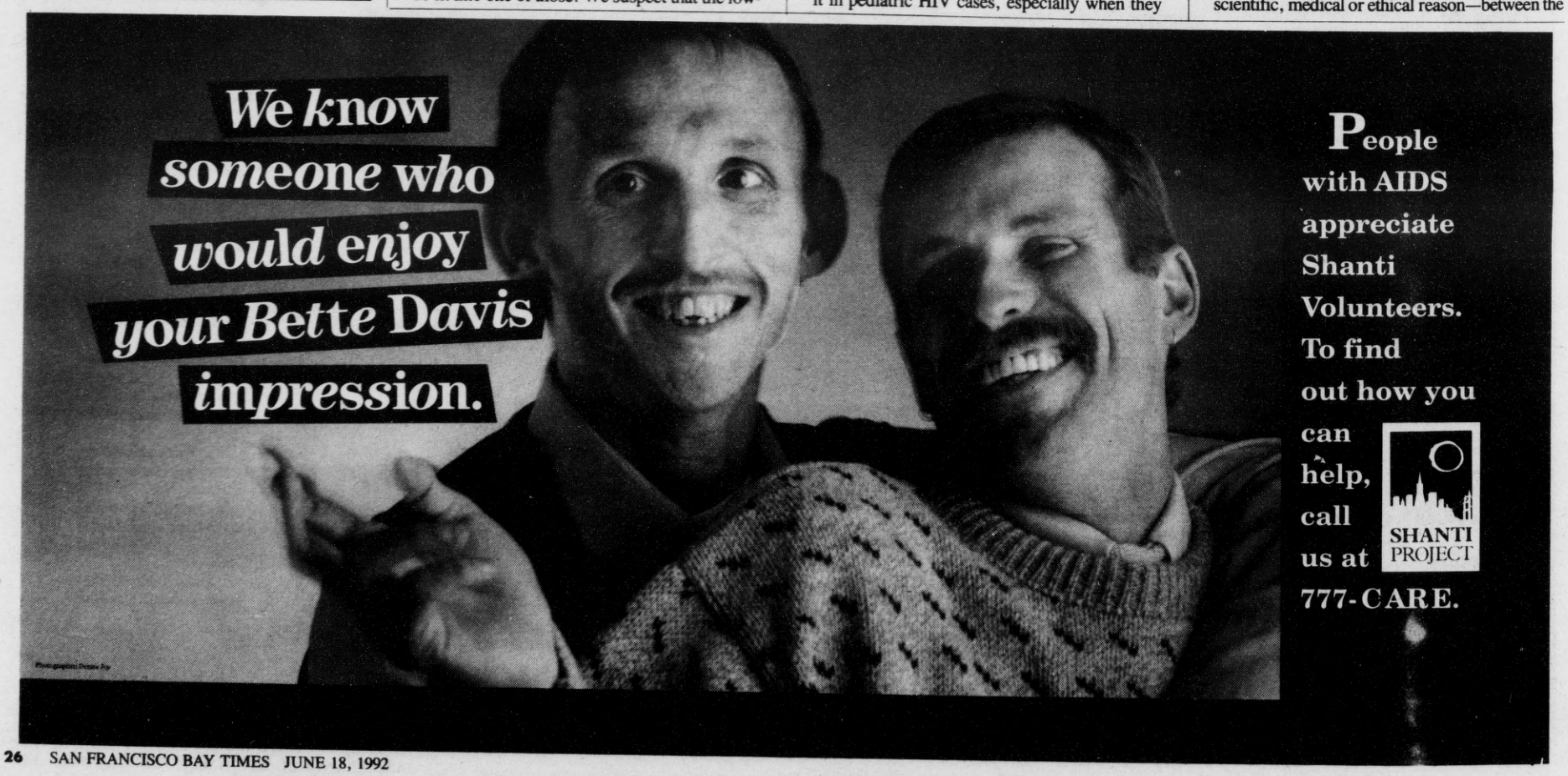
What I notice is the lack of AIDS-related opportunistic infections. We do use aggressive prophylaxis. We often start Bactrim three times a week when the T-helper count goes below 500; when it drops below 200, we add fluconazole to avoid cryptococcal meningitis, clarithromycin to avoid MAC, and sometimes acyclovir. But the difference seems to be the gamma globulin.

What dose do you use for adults?

We give 2 cc of Gammar (brand name of gamma globulin) every week. I am pleased with the results, and expect to use it increasingly for patients with T-helper counts below 500. We seem to be holding off infections in these patients, by using other peoples' antibodies, from a pool of people. [Blood is pooled from a number of people to make each batch of Gammar; therefore, many different antibodies are likely to be present.] By repeating the treatment weekly, I believe that we are giving immunity to a host of perhaps minor infections, which would not be good for persons with compromised immune systems. While this treatment is not affecting the basic course of the illness, at least these people are able to do activities, to work and take vacations, that otherwise they might not be able to do because of numerous minor infections. The number of patients treated so far is small, but we have seen them in good health month after month.

NAC: Jury Still Out

NAC (N-acetylcysteine), a variant of the amino acid cysteine, which is found in certain foods, is sold in buyers' clubs and health-food stores and has been used as a possible treatment for HIV infection for over two years; in San Francisco it is one of the most popular products sold at the buyers' club. Despite increasingly impressive laboratory science supporting the rationale of this treatment use, and the record of safety of the drug, NAC has followed the usual pattern in AIDS drug development of several years wasted—for no scientific, medical or ethical reason—between the



time a drug is known to be promising and the time it is tested as a treatment in a scientific trial. A small trial is now ongoing at the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and another trial, a collaborative effort between Stanford and Project Inform, may soon begin.

NAC is not easily characterized as either an "antiviral" or as an "immune-based therapy." Instead, it may intervene at various points in the development of HIV disease, by restoring normal levels of glutathione—a substance essential to life which has been found to be abnormally low in T-helper cells and other blood cells in HIV-positive people. Glutathione is composed of three amino acids—glutamic acid, cysteine, and glycine—but the limiting factor in determining the body's supply of glutathione is usually cysteine, which is supplied by NAC. (Some health-food stores sell glutathione pills, but most experts believe that taking NAC is a much better way to raise glutathione levels than taking glutathione itself.)

NAC is used in mainstream medicine in very large oral doses, as an antidote for poisoning caused by an overdose of acetaminophen (e.g. Tylenol). This poisoning causes an extremely low level of glutathione in the liver, which can cause death; NAC works by restoring this glutathione level.

Another drug, called procysteine, may also be effective in raising glutathione levels; procysteine is now in clinical trials, but is not generally available.

Glutathione is important as an antioxidant, helping to protect cells from damage caused by oxidizing agents. Recent laboratory studies have suggested that an antioxidant might also have an antiviral effect. A normal signaling system inside the cell uses low concentrations of the oxidizing agent hydrogen peroxide—but this same signal was also found to increase the growth of HIV in cells infected with that virus. Abnormally low levels of glutathione might allow the hydrogen peroxide in the cell to increase, causing HIV to grow faster than it otherwise would.

The only way to know with confidence what role, if any, NAC has in HIV treatment, is

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FROM THE HEART

BY JOE CARUSO

Paul Anelli

On a clear day you can see Paul Anelli, best known as Ms. Ann Drogynous, who is now starring in *Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?*, a play that should not be missed. Paul is wonderful as Miss Jane Hudson. This comedy should and just might run forever.

Anelli was not always comfortable in drag as an actor. In fact, he had to get past a lot of conflicts about doing drag. "Making transitions in life as a performer is not easy. There are always conflicts within, about doing drag or not doing drag, doing this or not doing this. I was repulsed by the idea at first of even doing drag. However, I found out later I loved doing drag. It was really difficult to do good drag and that is what really scared me."

In the past few years, Anelli has had to go through many transitions. He worked on Broadway, but that would end due to an accident. He hurt himself and had to go on disability. At his point, Anelli confronted his dragphobia. He soon found out that doing drag allowed him to accept his feminine side and to be queeny, outrageous and funny if he wanted. "It's a process of letting go of this conditioning we all have that this is feminine and this is masculine. If I dressed up as Goofy, it wouldn't matter. But because we do gender, people get weirded out about that. I'm over all that label stuff."

Even though Anelli has worked through a lot, his most important lesson came in the form of HIV. He is learning that he does not have to suffer with HIV. He has learned a new kind of introspection, by just being happy. "Finding out I had HIV was like God hitting me with a two-by-four. HIV has taught me to pay attention to my own life, to teach myself self-love, and accept love in my life. Love and happiness are the true healing powers, but first you must learn to evolve beyond self-hatred and self-doubt. No pill, no drug, no mumbo jumbo is going to heal you like love can."

Photo by Steve Savage

Anelli, unlike most performers, can sing, dance and act. He also writes, produces and directs his own shows. Some of his influences have been Barbra Streisand and Judy Garland. However, the woman who influenced his life most of all was Isak Dinesen, the author of *Out of Africa*. Although Anelli has only been in San Francisco for two years, he has performed in a couple of big hits already. His biggest hit, *The Kid Herself*, is a play he wrote, directed and headlined. He is now performing in *Whatever Happened to B.B. Jane?* Anelli calls the *B.B. Jane* cast, "some of the best talent out there to work with." When asked who he would like to work with in the future, Anelli named Ms. X and Justin Bond. "I admire both as artists and actors and would love to work with them sometime in the future." Although a career like Anelli's is hard to build, he said it would not have been done without the help of many people. "One person is particular is Gerry Proffet. He gave me lots of support. He helped begin my career here in San Francisco. I could not have done it without him."

Giving back, however, is easy for Paul Anelli. He has helped raise money for many nonprofits, such as the AIDS Bike-a-Thon, CUAV, Shanti, Project Open Hand, the Names Project, Gay Games and the Women's Building. When asked why he helps the community so much, Anelli said, "It's more like helping yourself. As I evolve and give to myself, I give to my community. What you give out, you get back. When I perform I free the audience. What I do is easy. I give them a good feeling. I free them. I'm able to make them just let go and enjoy a good thing, have a smile or a laugh. Now that's magic; that's them giving to me."

Anelli says, "It's hard keeping your head above all of life's problems, but you can realize how far you can go if you just let go." His performances help many of us to let go. If you have not seen him onstage, catch his best performance now at the Victoria Theater, and see *B.B. Jane* because Anelli and the rest of the cast will blow you away. However you look at Anelli, in drag, out of drag, in a comedy, or just on stage singing, he is always leaving his mark. If he is not raising money for a group, then he is raising sound levels in a room, either with a laugh or cheers, and that's serving yourself and your community right—just like buttah.

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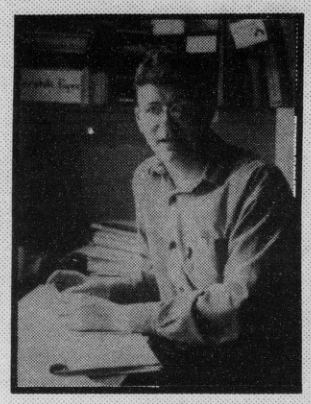

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through clinical trials. But since the necessary trials have not been done, people need to make decisions now on the basis of what information is available—the laboratory science and anecdotal reports. What we have heard anecdotally has generally been good but not dramatic; clearly NAC is only part of the answer, at best, to HIV treatment. T-helper counts seldom show large increases, although NAC might be helping stabilize the counts. People often do report feeling better and having more energy, an effect likely to occur quickly, within several days after starting the treatment. NAC may be especially useful for certain persons with AIDS-related wasting which is not due to obvious problems such as inadequate food intake or gastrointestinal disease.

Could NAC improve the functioning of T-helper cells, independently of whether the counts increase? One way to explore this possibility would be to include a delayed hypersensitivity test, such as the Merioux "MULTITEST CMI," in a controlled study of NAC.

One laboratory study by researchers at the Linus Pauling Institute has suggested that combining NAC with vitamin C might be beneficial. This paper noted that a dose of about 12 grams per day of vitamin C, given to healthy adult volunteers, had produced the blood levels used in their laboratory tests.

IS NAC ABSORBED?

An early report from the ongoing NIAID trial of NAC has raised doubts as to whether NAC is absorbed well enough when taken orally to be useful as a treatment. This writer was present when the data was presented at a meeting of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group in April. We believe that most physicians present left that room thinking that orally administered NAC was dead as a potential AIDS/HIV treatment. We, too, would have thought so, if we had not been following this treatment closely. But the report was preliminary; the NIAID research team had been asked to provide the interim results from its work in progress. The researchers conducting the trial do not believe that the drug has been ruled out; they are continuing the study.

The data first addressed the question of whether NAC was absorbed when taken orally, by comparing blood levels after oral doses of the drug vs. blood levels after intravenous doses. The result was that the intravenous administration led to high concentrations of NAC in the blood, while the oral administration led to almost none.

That result would seem fairly conclusive, but NAC experts we talked to explained that there is more to the story. First, that test was not new; NAC has long been used orally in Europe (for treating bronchitis), and similar tests of oral absorption had been done before. And they had found similar results; as with many drugs, only a small part of the NAC taken orally is found in blood tests for NAC.

But the tests are limited, because NAC is quickly changed into other compounds by the time it reaches the bloodstream. Testing only for NAC will miss these other chemicals, which still may help to increase the glutathione level in cells; apparently it has not been feasible to test for everything which NAC might become.

But in that case, why would much higher levels of NAC be found in the blood when the drug was given by injection? One likely possibility is that intravenous administration could supply NAC faster than the body could transform it (to substances which would not show up on the tests being used).

Another reason for being skeptical of the idea that NAC could not work as an oral drug is that it does work as an antidote for acetaminophen overdose—meaning that it must be absorbed when taken orally, in a form that can raise the glutathione level within liver cells, which NAC must do to treat acetaminophen poisoning, and which is also the effect being sought when NAC is used in HIV treatment. (On the other hand, the case could be made that the liver is unique, because it gets the "first pass" blood circulation from the stomach, and is often exposed to higher levels of oral drugs than is the rest of the body. Yet this may not be relevant in the case of NAC, since the liver is involved with its normal metabolism and supply to other tissues.)

Some investigators believe that a better test of NAC is whether it raises the level of T-helper and other white blood cells. This measurement is somewhat difficult, as it requires special equipment and skill. Preliminary results were given at the same meeting which presented the absorption data; in these tests, the laboratory workers who analyzed the data were blinded as to which samples were from persons receiving NAC, and which were from an untreated HIV-negative control. All the samples tested (from volunteers in the small NIAID study mentioned above) showed normal glutathione levels both before treatment with NAC, and after it.

This result has been questioned since several published studies have shown that HIV-positive persons have lower than normal levels of glutathione; here, everyone in the trial was HIV-positive, but nobody's glutathione level was low. If it was simply a case of the NAC not working, one would have expected the glutathione levels to be low both before and after treatment. (And if the levels were normal to begin with, NAC would not have been expected to raise them; glutathione levels are regulated by the body, so NAC probably could not increase the amount of glutathione if it already was normal.)

These measurements of intracellular glutathione levels are fairly difficult; in the NIAID trial, the fresh blood samples had to be shipped 2,500 miles to a laboratory which had the necessary equipment. Confirmatory tests, including some at a different laboratory, are now in progress.

Early results of the NIAID trial had previously been examined at an invitation-only meeting of NAC and glutathione experts in February 1992. We were not at that meeting, but have heard that these issues were raised. In the ACTG meeting in April, however, there was little time on the agenda for NAC, only a few minutes—just enough to present the data itself, but not enough to consider different interpretations, or address the questions which had been raised.

Although the NIAID trial was not designed to test the efficacy of NAC, it did measure T-helper counts, and indicators of viral burden (both acid-dissociated p24, and plasma viremia). None of the study volunteers showed improvement in any of these measures.

Because of the possible importance of NAC and of the approach to therapy which it represents—because of the great need for safe and affordable treatments, and for treatments which may reduce HIV activity in chronically infected cells, which AZT, ddI and ddC do not do—we believe that it would be a mistake to abandon oral NAC based on doubts raised by the early data from an unfinished study. The critical question remains the same as it has been for the last several years: Can NAC help in the treatment of AIDS or HIV? The answer remains unknown.

PROJECT INFORM WILL ASSIST NEW STUDY

The NIAID trial mentioned above was designed primarily to test safety and absorption of different doses of NAC. Another study, cosponsored by Project Inform, has been developed to examine earlier reports that NAC can raise glutathione levels in T-helper cells and other white blood cells.

This study, now seeking the required approvals, will monitor glutathione levels while patients use 600 mg twice per day of an NAC formulation which is widely used in Europe. There will be 30 subjects in this trial, ten in each of three groups. One group will be persons with T-helper counts over 200, and a second will be those with under 200; both of these groups will start using NAC immediately. The third group will have five persons with T-helper counts over 200 and the other five with under 200; it will delay starting NAC for seven weeks, to serve as a control group during this time. Volunteers will be assigned at random to the immediate or delayed treatment groups. Glutathione levels in blood cells will be measured twice before treatment begins, and four times afterwards. Also, if funding permits, viral load measures, including acid-soluble p24 and DNA/RNA PCR, will be done before treatment, and on days 14 and 42 after treatment begins.

No placebo will be used, but the researchers will be blinded when they measure the blood samples—they will not know which are from persons taking NAC and which are not.

This trial has not started yet. When approvals are received, Project Inform will handle all of the recruiting.

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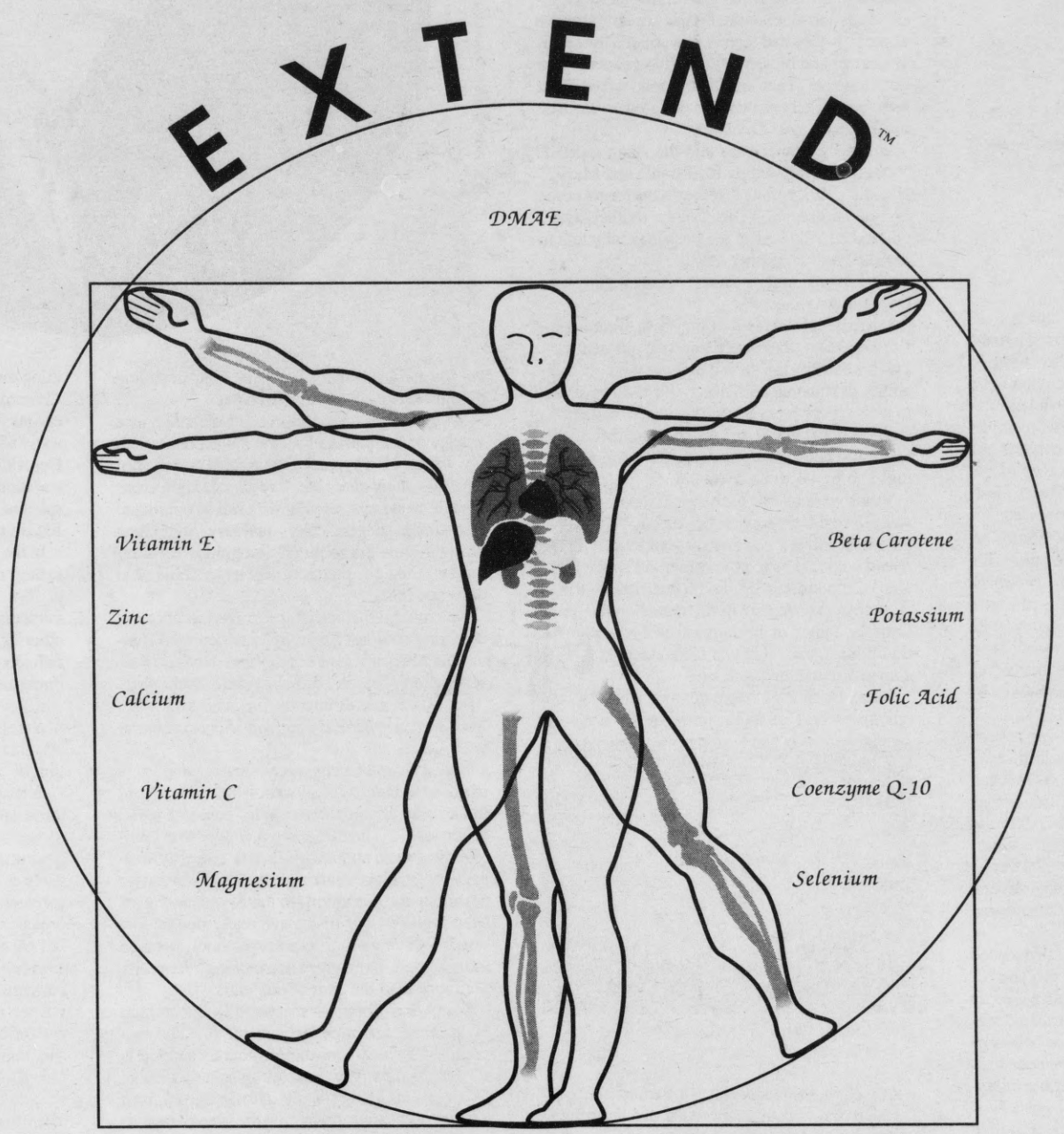

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WHAT'S GOING DOWN

BY LOUISE RAFKIN

What's Going Down: June—Wedding Belles

"My love and I took hands and swore
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—18th century lesbian love poem

"For two people to create a life together is both difficult and miraculous. It evokes the deepest fears as well as the most luminous devotion."
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PROVINCETOWN—The Niagara Falls of Sapphic Knot Tying. Walking into the Unitarian Church last Saturday, I sensed the same anticipation that always accompanies a wedding. The guests seemed nervous and uncomfortable in their fancy clothes, awkward in the straight-backed pews. Kids scurried about the church like banshees, while the mother of the bride (or at least one of the mothers of the brides!) had briefly and unaccountably disappeared.

The bride's sister was downstairs hastily arranging last minute details. But unlike other weddings, where the bride is sequestered in some back room until the dramatic unveiling, the *two* brides—Bonnie and Mary—were side by side, beaming above their gorgeous silk dresses. Their exteriors, at least, were calm. Bonnie touched up her hair. Her short, dykey haircut was backed by a tail bejeweled with tiny pink roses.

Myself, I was slightly cynical, having recently lived through a souring of relationship, and I sat toward the back of the UC, notebook in hand, sort of a chaste Margaret Mead of the lesbian community. I wondered, what is this trend toward lesbian weddings? Ceremonies of heart, as they are sometimes called, joinings, *unions?* They're cropping up left and right; there's been several ceremonies in the last few months and many more are planned throughout the season.

Bonnie and Mary's ceremony proceeded smoothly. A dancing gem of a flower girl preceded the brides, after which the women strolled up the runway hand in hand and took seats in front of a huge festoon of lavender and white balloons. Unlike other lesbian "weddings" I've been to in the past, where the guest lists have been predominantly made up of girls and their gal-pals, Bonnie and Mary sat before a mixed crowd of men and women, a very few lesbians, and relatives—*both* sets of parents. On one side the Jewish New Yorkers, on the other the Irish Catholics. *Gads,* I thought. My *mother* at my wedding? I could hardly imagine.

And so it went. Songs from friends, readings from romantic, queer books. And space in the ceremony for friends and family to bless the commitment, to talk about the brides both as individuals and as a couple. People got up and spoke about how they had seen both women's lives really change and blossom in the five years they've been together. Then an old boyfriend talked about how he still remembered making out with Bonnie 15 years ago. *Laughter.*

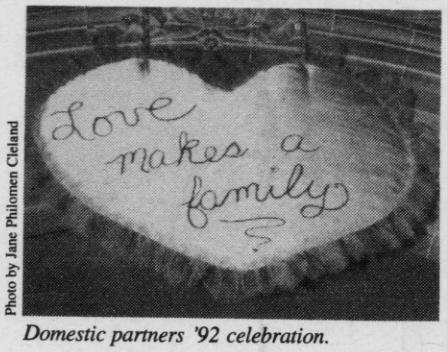
Bonnie's mother rose and the room quieted. "I'm really very happy for Bonnie and Mary," she said. "It's so nice that they have found peace and commitment." This from a mother who I learned later had taken ten years to really talk to her daughter about her gay life.

And then Bonnie's father: "I wish these two love and happiness."

I cried, and though I often cry at weddings—I'm a real sap—these were tears of a different sort. I was moved by the daring of these women, their ability to stand up so publicly for their love and in turn expect everyone in their lives to stand up with them and for them. I felt that rare feeling that I love so much, that gay pride day kind of feeling: I'm proud to be a lesbian.

Vows were taken. A charge to those gathered was offered: Help support this union. "Know that the world will ask you to deny your love." As the friend who conducted the ceremony spoke these words, the lesbians in the room bristled. Rings were then exchanged. At the reception the Irish-Catholic father of bride number two made the traditional toast: "I haven't lost a daughter, I've gained a daughter." Oh *my.*

When I was 15, I wrote my own wedding ceremony as part of an assignment for a sex-ed



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Domestic partners '92 celebration.

course euphemistically called "Family Living." I underwent consultations with my boyfriend, Tim, and we decided on a beach service with a reading from *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* and an acoustic version of "Muskrat Love." I would wear white lace and muslin; Tim, drawstring pants and a Mexican wedding shirt. It was the early '70s and I swear it's been that long since I've thought seriously about marriage.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

As a straight lefty I swore off marriage as a vestige of the patriarchy, and since coming out I've thought I'd bypassed the issue. Over the last ten years of my queer life, I've attended numerous straight weddings, usually with mixed emotions: resentment, anger, envy, jealousy, cynicism. Straight folks get so much recognition for their unions, not to mention toasters, china and designer sheets.

So how did that string get tugged in my non-marrying soul last Saturday? I talked with Bonnie and Mary after the big day and they said they really didn't feel any different about each other. "But we are seen differently," Bonnie said. "We have the recognition and support of our community."

The idea for their ceremony came up after years of going to heterosexual weddings. "We would think, why shouldn't we? Why couldn't we?" Mary said. "The thing is we wanted our community to stand up for us. We didn't want the baggage of straight marriage, but we wanted to acknowledge our union. In the five years we've been together, our lives have really moved forward. We've gone to graduate school, become more settled. Even given up smoking! We really are more than the sum of our parts."

Mary and Bonnie's marriage is uncommon even in the realm of lesbian unions. The two families' involvement and community support is something few gay couples ever experience. Other unions held recently in town varied from a simple exchange of rings on the breakwater, to a private gathering of friends. A recent "Blessing of the Covenant" was held at the Church of Saint Mary of the Harbor and was deeply religious and included readings from the *Bible.*

But it's a fact, lesbians are doing the marrying thing more and more. *Ceremonies of the Heart: Celebrating Lesbian Unions* is a book which chronicles the lives of 27 lesbian couples who used some sort of ritual to affirm their relationships. Described are ceremonies which range from traditional Catholic weddings to full moon spiritual witch-coven blessings, to a girl-girl Jewish ordeal complete with canopy.

In the book, the couples also reveal insight into their desire for union, and there too is diversity. For some it was love at first sight and the immediate knowing that "this is the one." For others it was a private commitment signifying a difference in "this relationship" though often with reservations on "forever." "As long as we both shall love," reads one ceremony. For others, as it was for Bonnie and Mary, marriage was a bringing together of community, a public recognition of their relationship.

Perhaps we're on the same wavelength as our thirty-something counterparts, who, after years of free love and living together, have opted for nesting and homelife. That's a scary thought. Certainly as more women start families, marriage and ceremonies of commitment will become more prevalent in our community.

That old saying, "always a bridesmaid, never a bride" comes to mind. I'm in no hurry to get married (or even, at the moment, to date!), but I haven't ruled it out. I'd love to wear a white (or even off-white) silk dress, pin gladiolus in my hair and register at the housewares department of Macy's (or is that Crate and Barrel?). Who wouldn't want matching silver? However, most of my best pals who are in long-term relationships say why jinx it? "One day at a time," Mary says, after eight years with Marion. "Forever is a long, long stretch."

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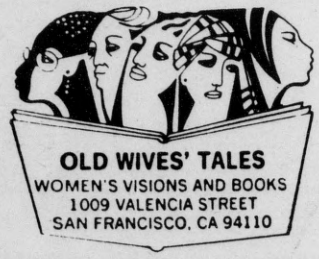

Tuesday, June 23, 8pm—Celebrate women's love for women at a lesbian erotic poetry reading, with contributors to **Tee Corinne's** new anthology, ***Poetry of Sex.***

Wednesday, June 24, 8 pm—Mother Tongue Feminist Theater Collective performs highlights from four fabulous scripts: ***Aging, Mothers and Sons, Jewish Women and Our Friends,*** and ***Lesbian Erotica.***

Thursday, June 25, 8 pm—*Sexual Harassment: Women Speak Out* features the personal accounts of 80 women. **Jan Buckwald, Eleanor Capelle, Elena Featherston, Martha Lunney, Marjory Nelson** and **Doreen Stock** will read about and discuss the experiences that led to their participation in the book.

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Hate Campaign in Oregon Nets Vandalized Office, Anti-Gay Law

PORTLAND - In the wake of a number of far right anti-gay initiatives and a statewide visit by three national queer leaders, the office of the Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon (CHFO) was vandalized and demolished on June 8. The campaign is fighting the initiatives, one of which has already passed. The other two will appear on a November ballot.

Oregon Citizen Alliance (OCA), a right-wing political action group which opposes rights for queers and abortions for women, managed to pass an initiative in Springfield, OR that amends the City Charter to prohibit the city from passing or enforcing any law that bans anti-gay discrimination or from promoting or encouraging homosexuality. It failed in its attempt to pass an identical measure in Corvallis.

As for the two initiatives on the ballot in November: one directs the state to teach children that homosexuality is unnatural and abnormal, and the second deletes the words "sexual orientation" from the Oregon hate crimes law and replaces them with "abnormal behaviors."

During the break-in at the CHFO office, two computers and a fax machine were stolen, phone lines were cut and black photocopy toner was spread throughout the office and on the walls.

Three national gay community leaders—Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Eric Rofes of the NGLTF board, and Suzanne Pharr from Arkansas—led community meetings in Portland and Roseburg, discussed strategy with activists and gave widely publicized mainstream media interviews.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

"Rage Dyke Rage" benefit for a book on women with HIV and cancer, sponsored by the zine On Our Rag.

Groups of queers, meanwhile, are marching 150 miles from Eugene to Portland "for love and justice." They are expected to arrive on June 20. Others are joining the struggles against OCA as well. An Oregon Freedom Festival, organized by Rev. Doctor Rodney Page, director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, will take place from July 24-26 to celebrate diversity. A highlight of the festivities will be a 15K walk to benefit CHFO.

In 1988, OCA managed to overturn Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's executive order protecting gays/lesbians/bisexuals who work for state government.

Perot Campaign Charged With Harassing Protesters

SEATTLE - The Ross Perot for President campaign allegedly made a series of intimidating phone calls to lesbian and gay protesters who gave their names and numbers to a campaign volunteer during a demonstration on June 11.

According to a release from the ACT UP Presidential Project, which is monitoring the views and actions of candidates in this year's presidential headquarters, one demonstrator, Jeff Harris, received a call saying, "Mr. Harris, Mr. Perot does not wish to be annoyed. Cease such action." Protesters, who demonstrated against the Texas billionaire's anti-queer comments on "20/20" and the "Today Show," gave their names to volunteer Tamara Hardy so that they could be contacted for a meeting with Perot. Hardy could not be reached for comment. Harris told *SF Bay Times* that the male voice contacting him sounded "weird" and "computerized."

Jamie Brown, office manager for the Perot headquarters, told *SF Bay Times* that no intimidating phone calls were made. "It categorically is a lie," he says. "They fabricated falsehoods about everything that's taken place."

Brown says that demonstrators spray-painted slogans on the sidewalk and tried to remove a Perot sign. A week later, he claims, they "disfigured the location" with paint and eggs. He received a tip that it was the same demonstrators from "someone who knew who told us." He did not know whether a campaign volunteer took the names and numbers of protesters.

But Steve Michael of the Presidential Project, which sponsored the demo, told *SF Bay Times* that protesters held a die-in in front of the headquarters. During ACT UP die-ins, chalk is used to outline the "dead" body lying on the sidewalk. Says Michael, "If they're concerned about chalk and a few stickers on the wall, they can't come close to comparing to the deaths related to AIDS cases."

Michael denies any knowledge of the alleged disfiguring of the headquarters. He says that if it happened, he would have heard about it. He claims that the Project has two recordings of threats from Perot people: one on voice mail (Harris'), the other a phone machine tape.

Harris agrees that only chalk was used on the sidewalk. He didn't know if stickers were left on walls, but dismissed as "absolutely absurd" allegations that demonstrators "disfigured" Perot headquarters.

Meanwhile, gay and lesbian activists in Washington, D.C., met with representatives of the Perot campaign to discuss the candidate's homophobic comments. On "20/20," Perot said that he would not hire an openly gay or lesbian person for his cabinet and opposed queers in the military. The Perot representatives, while stating that they could not speak for the candidate, said that they would convey the concerns of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community.

But Perot himself tried to "clarify" his own comments a few days after he made them. He told the "Today Show" that he has had gay people working for him and "they were brilliant people, did outstanding work. We have never interfered with people's private lives." He said he was asked a "specific question" about his cabinet.

"I am on record in terms of personal privacy," said Perot. "I am absolutely on record as saying we need to intensify AIDS research." As for the flack over his earlier comments, Perot feels "we have taken what is a nothing issue and everybody is having fun with it."

Court Nixes NEA Decency Standard

LOS ANGELES - A U.S. District Court on June 9 ruled unconstitutional a statute requiring the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to consider "general standards of decency" in making funding decisions.

U.S. District Court Judge Wallace Tashima declared that the statute was vague enough to invite arbitrary decision-making and was overly broad in restricting artists' freedom of speech. The court also restored grants to four artists—three of whom are queer—denied funds by former NEA Chief John Frohmayer, provided they can prove that the denial was based on political, not artistic, grounds.

The artists—Holly Hughes, Tim Miller, John Fleck and Karen Finley—brought suit in September 1990, challenging Frohmayer's June

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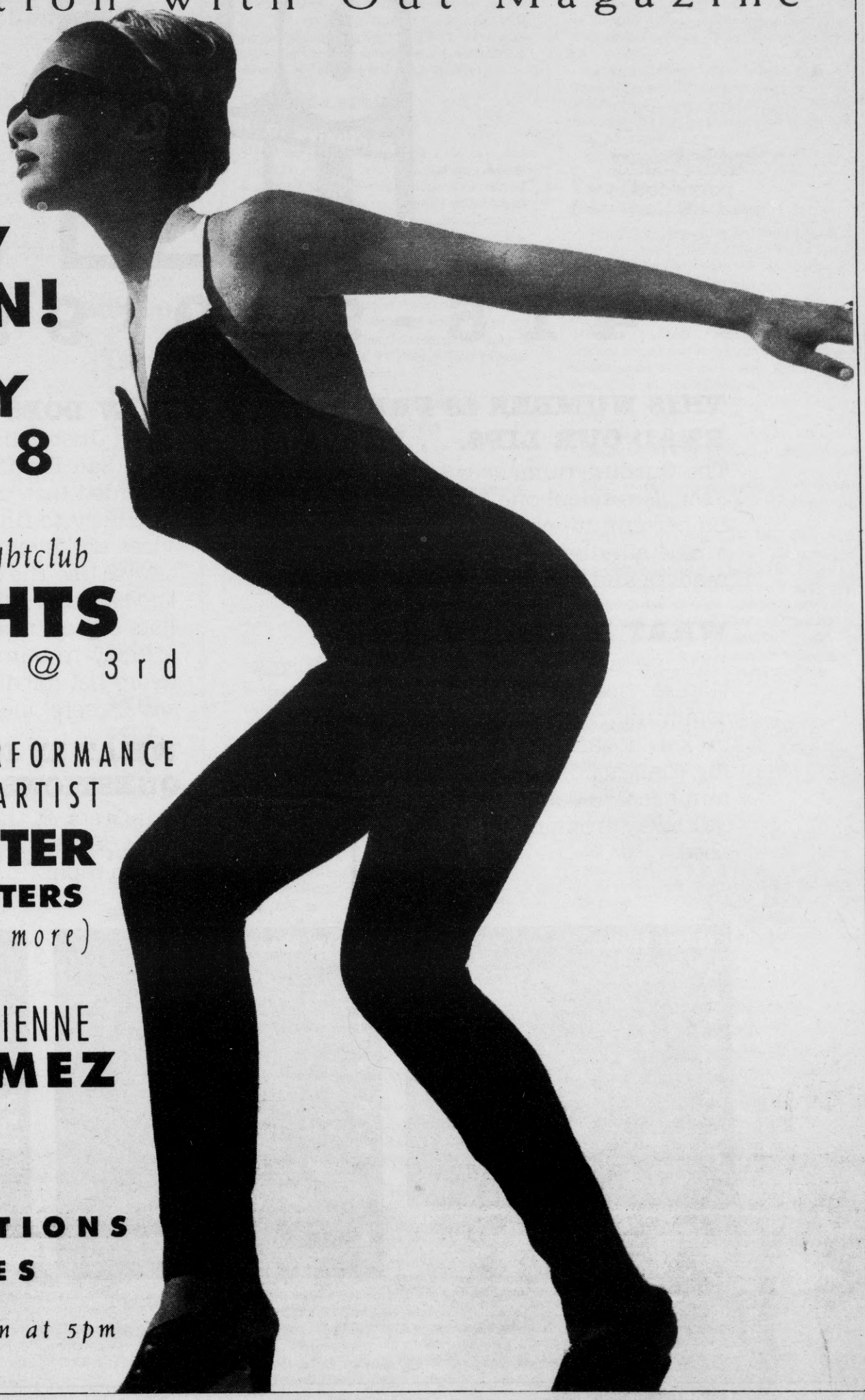

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1990 denial of grants approved for the four by the NEA's peer-review panel. Frohmayer allegedly overturned the panel's recommendations after press accounts detailed the sexual and political nature of the artists' works.

Hughes was quoted after the decision as saying, "I'm very happy that the court has decided that people who receive money from the government don't have to forfeit rights guaranteed to them in that government's Constitution."

Ousted Lesbian Guardswoman Fights Back

SEATTLE - A lesbian who has been forced from the National Guard because of her sexual orientation filed suit to overturn the military's anti-gay policy and have herself reinstated.

Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, 50, a chief nurse of the Washington Guard, was ousted on May 28. She is represented by the Northwest Women's Law Center, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and National Lawyer's Guild. Her dismissal will not affect her civilian job as a clinical nurse specializing in neurosciences at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center south of Tacoma.

Gay Rights Opponents Claim Way is Open For Referendum

PORTLAND, ME. - Opponents of Portland's gay rights law claim to have enough signatures to suspend the measure and put it on a November referendum.

Officials are reviewing the petitions submitted by James Duran, who opposes a May 12 law banning discrimination against gays and lesbians in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit. Duran says, "We're not taking away the homosexual's right to have his lifestyle. We don't think that the homosexual should impose his lifestyle on me, on my business."

Brian Quint of Equal Protection/Portland, a pro-gay group formed in the wake of Duran's efforts, says, "We believe that Portland is better than this, and it will be reflected in November."

Lesbian Sues Florida Over Adoption Ban

MIAMI - A lesbian who was denied the right to adopt a special needs child is suing the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS). Florida state law specifically prohibits homosexuals from adopting children.

According to June Amer, she was told of the anti-gay law when she went to the Children's Home Society last December to adopt. The director of the home was quoted in the *Miami Herald* as saying that his preference would be "for the two-parent family, number one, and for the heterosexuals. I'm not saying they are the only ones, but they are my preference."

Interestingly enough, the Florida statute does not ban adoption by child molesters, rapists or murderers. The law dates back to 1977 when Anita Bryant led a campaign against a Dade County, Florida gay rights law. New Hampshire is the only other state banning gays from adopting as well as being foster parents.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed two other suits against the law, is representing Amer.

Meanwhile, the state Legislature may have to make the final determination on the law, as yet another case makes headlines in Florida. Sharon McCracken, a director of development at Sunshine House, who trains volunteers to work with children with AIDS, has been waiting to receive a foster care license from HRS so that she can take care of HIV-infected kids. Acting HRS Assistant Secretary Pat Nichols says sexual orientation is not an issue. But other officials disagree. They say they can't allow queers to be foster parents if state law prohibits them from adopting.

"My opinion is that it's an appropriate issue for the Legislature to debate and to create laws on, and it should reflect the public consensus," says Rex Uberman, HRS director of state and local programs.

Dial-A-Safe-Sex Line Opens

SEATTLE - A new and innovative program will attempt to reach gay and bisexual men in the California, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia areas with a life-saving hotline that provides counseling—via phone—on safe sex practices.

Known as Project ARIES, and funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, the service involves 14 free weekly group counseling sessions over a toll-free line, permitting participants to remain anonymous.

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Two Gay Men Sue Their Bashers

SAN JOSE - In one of the first cases of its kind under the new California Hate Crimes law, a multimillion-dollar lawsuit was filed in Superior Court by two gay men against two recently convicted gay bashers who attacked them after San Jose's Gay Pride Day last June.

The two gay men, Michael Hall and Daniel Osario, charge that three men began verbally assaulting them at a traffic stop, then followed them in their truck, continuing to yell homophobic epithets. At another intersection, Hall exited his car and "demanded" that the men cease harassing him and Osario. Hall and Osario were then assaulted by the three men before police arrived on the scene.

The convicted gay bashers named in the suit are Troy D. Riggleman, Robert E. Riggleman and John E. Calhoun.

Meanwhile, a group of 150 law enforcement professionals, judges, victims' advocates and community leaders met on June 12 in Chicago for the first Statewide Conference on Hate Crimes, intended to map strategies and build networks.

"Hopefully, what will come out of this will be a permanent network on this problem," said Ross Harano, chief of the violent crime victims division in the state attorney general's office.

Presto Offers Photofinishing for AIDS

SAN FRANCISCO - Bay Area Presto Prints stores are encouraging photofinishing customers to "double up" in June to support the sixth annual AIDS Walk.

Every time a customer orders a second set of prints in June, Presto donates funds to the AIDS Walk. With 15 Presto stores in the Bay Area and a goal of $100 per store, the chain hopes to raise $1,500 for the walk. The annual AIDS fundraiser, the largest in California, takes place on July 9 at Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Registration forms are available at Presto stores or by calling (415) 392-9255.

Queer Journalists From Straight Papers Hold Convention

SAN FRANCISCO - Gay and lesbian journalists who work for the non-queer mainstream media will meet for the first time ever from June 25-27 at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Ave. Keynote speakers Linda Villarosa, senior editor of *Essence* magazine, and Andrew Sullivan, editor of the *New Republic*, kick off the national conference by the two-year-old group.

Other highlights include talks by local filmmaker Marlon Riggs and columnist Michelangelo Signorile, a preview by local gay journalist Randy Shilts of his new book on the military, and a panel of media industry top guns who will examine gay issues from their side.

Sherry Boschert, a medical journalist with the International Medical News Group, told *SF Bay Times* that the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association is "probably 10 to 15 years behind other minority journalist associations." But despite its infancy, the association has had an

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impact, she feels, in getting some papers to consider domestic partner benefits for their employees and the addition of sexual orientation in their equal opportunity statements.

Boschert says she is pleased with the support the conference has received from the mainstream press, including the *SF Chronicle*, the *New York Times* and the *LA Times*. The conference will receive a videotaped greeting from the publisher of the *New York Times*, and Gannett and *USA Today* will sponsor one of the receptions.

The association, which has about 400 members nationwide, has received a "couple hundred registrations" thus far, and has had to book rooms in a second hotel to accommodate the reservations, according to Boschert.

For more information on the conference, call (415) 477-5991.

GLAAD Not Glad About PBS Cuts

NEW YORK - The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is worried that cuts to the British series *Portrait of a Marriage*, to be shown by U.S. public television's Masterpiece Theatre, will distort the real-life lesbian relationship between British writers Vita Sackville-West and Violet Trefusis.

The series, which begins airing on July 19, was cut by its American co-sponsor, WGBH Foundation in Boston. According to GLAAD, the cuts suggest that the lesbian affair was a passing whim, not the most important event in the two women's lives, as historical documents reveal.

"We are very concerned that public broadcasting is caving in to perceived pressures from anti-gay and -lesbian forces," says Charlotte Innes, co-chair of GLAAD/LA's Monitor and Response Committee. GLAAD has not been able to obtain a copy of the edited version of the series, which played at gay and lesbian film festivals last year.

Public television has come under attack in recent years for canceling the AIDS documentaries *Stop the Church* and *Son of Sam and Delilah*. Individual stations have also been criticized for refusing to run Marlon Riggs' *Tongues Untied*.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Project Open Hand's booth at the Festival of the Lake.

Sex on Beach Charges Dropped in Bahamas

SAN FRANCISCO - The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission announced that, in response to international pressure, the government of the Bahamas has dropped sodomy charges against two gay men who were arrested on March 12 for alleged public sexual activity on Nassau beach. The country's public sex law only applies to same-sex couples.

The men—Michael Chapman of Britain and Roger Nelson of Trinidad—faced up to 20 years in prison. In addition, Chapman, who worked for Carnival Cruise Line at the time of his arrest, was fired after the charges were dropped.

Julie Dorf, director of the commission, says that international pressure must be applied to free other Bahamians believed to be serving prison terms on similar charges.

Calif. Restoration Act Moves Forward

SACRAMENTO - The California Civil Rights Restoration Act (AB 3825), introduced in March by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, recently passed off the floor and is now headed for hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The measure, which restores civil rights provisions eroded by court decisions and legislative action, would ban job discrimination against gays/lesbians/bisexuals. The bill also prohibits discrimination against employees speaking languages other than English in the workplace, and brings the state into compliance with the federal Americans With Disabilities Act.

Meanwhile, a new version of the gay rights bill vetoed last September by Gov. Pete Wilson passed the Senate's Industrial Relations Committee recently. It was introduced by Assemblymember Terry Friedman (D-Sherman Oaks). The measure, which outlaws job-related discrimination against queers, now goes to the Appropriations Committee.

Gay Vietnamese Organize, Publish Newsletter

SAN FRANCISCO - A new service for gay Vietnamese would like to hear from those who need help.

According to organizer Brian Dang, many Vietnamese flee their homeland because of the "tyranny of political oppression." He says, "Being a political outcast is difficult enough without being gay."

An already existing outreach program provides emotional support for gay Vietnamese facing such problems as family rejection and HIV infection, as well as social activities and crisis intervention.

Dang says he would like to help other California communities organize outreach programs for gay Vietnamese. He urges interested individuals to get in touch with him at 2300 Market St., Suite 95, San Francisco, CA 94114, or by calling (415) 431-3955.

Nicaraguan Assembly Outlaws Sodomy

SAN FRANCISCO - The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission reports that on June 11 the National Assembly in Nicaragua passed Latin America's most repressive sodomy law. Only two other Latin American countries—Ecuador and Chile—have laws against sodomy.

The law punishes the encouragement or practice of "cohabitation between individuals of the same sex" with one to three years in prison. However, if one of the individuals is in a position of authority over others (e.g., teacher, tutor), his or her sentence gets upped by two to four years. The measure was opposed by the entire Sandinista bloc, and supported almost unanimously by the U.S.-backed UNO coalition.

The passage of the article caught Nicaraguan feminists and gays and lesbians by surprise, as it was added on to a progressive antirape law in committee. The Commission, working with the Managua-based Xochiquetzel Foundation, is calling for immediate international pressure on President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro to veto the law.

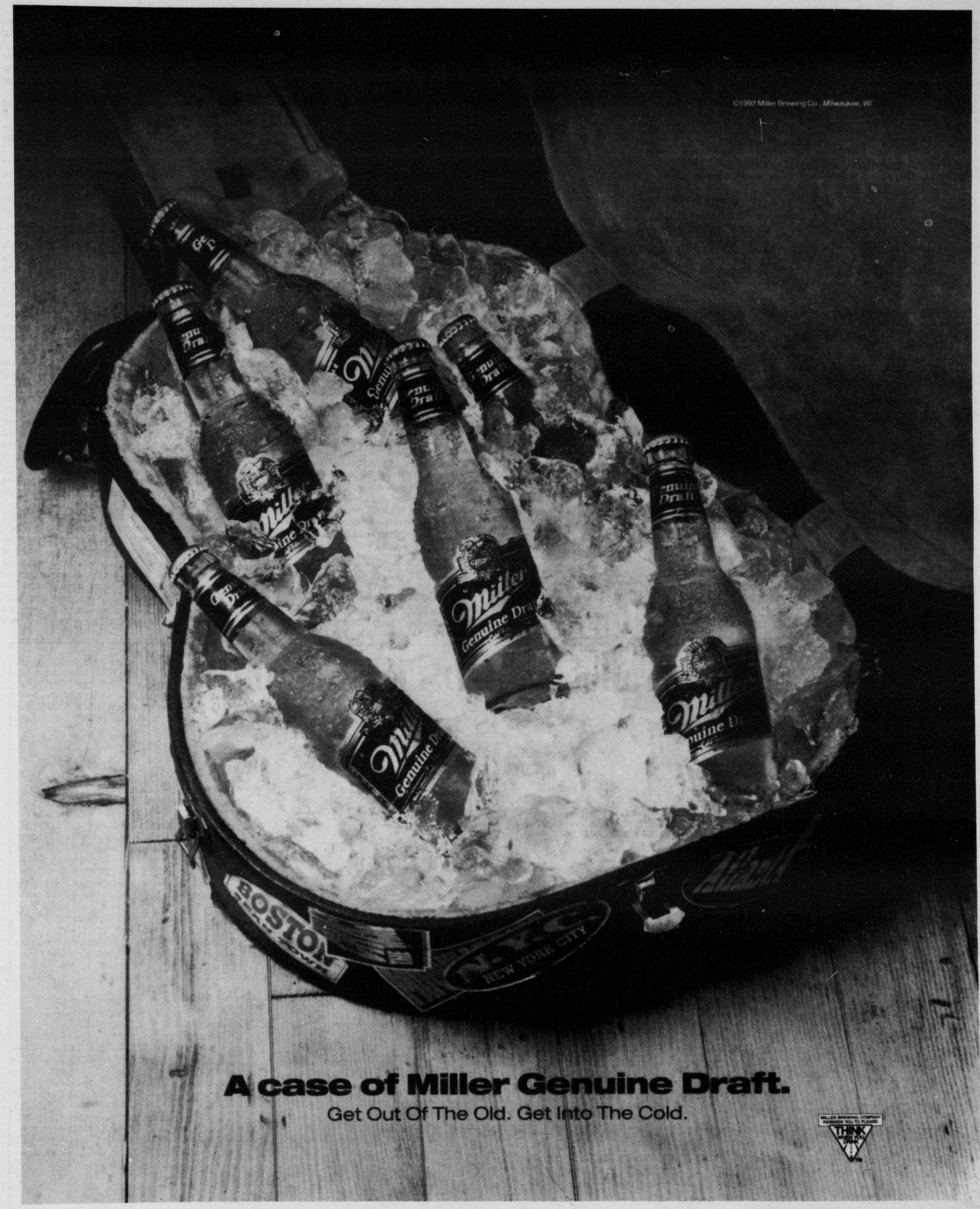
Bits & Pieces

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) hosted a meeting last month between gay and lesbian community leaders and Democratic National Committee (DNC) chair Ron Brown and other DNC officials. More than 20 gay/lesbian and AIDS advocates attended the May 27 meeting in New York. Meanwhile, NGLTF Deputy Director for Public Policy Jude Radecic hand-delivered pro-gay testimony to the Republican National Committee platform hearings in Salt Lake City last month after being denied a spot. After giving Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) a copy of her statement, she told him, "Why can't the RNC find time and room for us when the President and his top strategists have?"

Massachusetts Gov. William Weld formally created the first-of-its-kind Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth on June 11 at a ceremony at a Boston suicide prevention agency. Longtime gay activist David LaFontaine was named chair of the commission.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has urged the Boy Scouts of America to reverse its policy barring gays from becoming scouts or adult volunteers. "We stand firm in our belief that all people have basic rights, regardless of their sexual orientation," said Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the union, to Richard Leet, president of the Boy Scouts.

Sources used in these briefs include AP, TWN, and the Washington Blade.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Letters...

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coming around to collect the used paraphernalia.

• Is it possible to have changeable sheets or pads, disposable or otherwise, to cover the mattresses? I was a little uncomfortable watching one steaming, sweating couple rise from the bed to be immediately replaced by another. Although the vinyl covers are easy to clean (good idea, by the way) there is still good opportunity for the transmission of scabies, crabs, ringworm and other skin disorders which are spread in this manner. Also the folding mattresses are cloth-covered foam and cannot even be wiped off.

• It would be nice if the locker room were next to the play areas so one wouldn't need to walk down the hall and up the stairs naked to the playrooms. However, I appreciate the difficulty of moving large metal structures that are bolted to the floor. An alternative would be to rent (cloth) or sell (paper) robes to the clients if they haven't brought their own.

• Is there a shower room in the building?

• Please move the video to a more secluded area, maybe the lounge I suggested earlier.

• Better music for the dance area.

• Colored lights on the dance floor or possibly colored cellophane over the existing fixtures.

• Please kick out the troublemakers. There was a woman present who cut into the bathroom line and stood in the space between the stage and women seated on the floor. She threatened several women with physical harm when asked to move or sit down, and generally did her best to ensure everybody else had as bad a time as she said she was having, shouting negative comments during the performance and verbally abusing members of the audience. This occurred in full view of the performers and members of the staff, but nothing was done about it.

• Are there any more toilets in the building?

I am sorry if this letter comes off as critical; only some points were intended to be critical. Overall, the club was fabulous and I am looking forward to many more delightful visits.

Amy Maire
Oakland

Help the Homeless on Gay Day

Even the poor and homeless of the gay and lesbian community should have something to celebrate on Gay Freedom Day. But food is an important part of the celebration and there will be little food for those who cannot pay.

The soup line which usually operates in the Civic Center Plaza in late afternoons won't be there because of the parade activities. It is the only free food in San Francisco on Sunday afternoons.

To help fill the gap, Gay Community Services of San Francisco will serve free hot dogs, salad and whatever else can be scrounged up on Gay Freedom Day from 3 to 6 pm, at 585 Grove St., three blocks west of City Hall.

Tax-deductible cash donations can be sent to Gay Community Services, 583 Grove St., SF 94102. For further information or to volunteer, call 431-4466.

Gay Community Services
San Francisco

Defending Women's Space?

So where were all these defenders of women's space during the late '80s, when I was trying to warn of the "new traditionalist" aspect of the push for a co-sexual gay community and culture?

I submit that women's space has been endangered the most by those practicing an increasingly narrow exclusivity in the name of preserving it. They withhold access to women's space from those women not interested in their brand of conformity, then complain about women's space dwindling.

Look what happened in the '70s when lesbianism went from being a sisterhood of women-loving women to a political "construct": many women eager to be part of the emerging women's community found themselves rejected by that community because they didn't fit the mold of the lesbian feminist in-group. Now that this in-group has lifted its gaze from its collective navel long enough to realize its social niche is threatened, does it look at its mistake of confusing equality with making everyone the same? No—it comes up with yet another "construct" for maintaining its status as the in-group.

According to this woman-born "social construct" definition of womanhood, male-to-female transsexuals are not women, *but* female-to-male transsexuals are. Think about it. Women's space is closed to those apparently female but not woman-born, yet it welcomes genetic females who identify as men and are shooting up testosterone and growing dicks. According to the *Washington Blade*, a few female-to-male transsexuals have been attending women's festivals, saying they feel they belong there, that

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women's space is their roots. In this light, I must ask whether this "social construct" concept of womanhood and these "woman-born only" policies make sense.

That there are a number of former (?) lesbian separatists who have undergone the female-to-male transsexual process, some for the stated purpose of gaining access to male privilege, casts suspicion on the politically correct definitions of who is a lesbian, who is a woman and who may have access to women's space. When I think of all the good women who have been trashed over the past two decades and driven from the community for alleged political incorrectness, it makes me angry to think this may have been set in motion by, among others, closet men.

It is time we took a good look at how "women's culture" (read politically-correct dyke culture) invalidates and excludes the multitudes of women looking to love (and sleep with) women and participate in a community based on female bonding and relevant to their lives. We live in a time when movies like *Thelma and Louise* and *Fried Green Tomatoes* are overwhelmingly successful, yet a feminist lesbian community threatens to go the way of the Shakers. We must move beyond that kind of thinking that has made the "women's community" more of a country club than a community: women's space for the "right kind" of women only.

Beth Elliott
Oakland

Spare Us a Girlcott

Spare us from yet another girlcott. I am so tired of these trash-and-burn reactionaries. No festival is going to please everyone, but the Michigan Festival works hard, I think, at respecting the community voice. Just because two women hold the land title does not alter the fact that this policy was developed by the community.

Personally, I don't have very strong feelings about the transsexual/womyn-born-womyn debate, but there are many women who feel that the presence of transsexuals violates women-only space—which is, after all, the reason why we go to Michigan. It is regrettable that this policy was not better publicized and I definitely think the festival should reimburse Ms. Burkholder for her expenses. I do not, however, support a boycott.

In Washington, D.C., we used to have a festival called Sisterfire. Vague allegations of racism cropped up against what was probably the most racially diverse of festivals, and the girlcott went into effect. Now Sisterfire no longer exists. It would be a damned shame if that happened to the Michigan Festival. There are plenty of places where we can hang out with men or transsexuals. Let's preserve one of the few women-only spaces left.

I suggest the answer is not to destroy, but to create more places that suit more of our needs. Finally, let's get real about this—after 16 years this was the first time this issue has come up. If a large portion of the community feels transsexuals violate women-only space, why can't we respect that?

Tish Talaszek
San Francisco

Why So Restrictive?

I am appalled by the Michigan Women's Music Festival's action against transsexual Nancy Burkholder, as well as by some of the response to it in the *SF Bay Times* June 4 issue.

Who appointed Boo and Lisa the Lesbian Nation Gender Police? What is everybody so fucking worried about? Do they really believe that the presence of a couple of transsexuals in a crowd of thousands is going to contaminate their women-only space? Come on, it's not like there's hundreds of guys out there whacking their dicks off just so they can infiltrate the women's movement!

I'm not a transsexual and I can hardly imagine what it's like, but I have had experience of homophobia and confusion about my gender directed at me by both the straight world *and* some queers. I can only imagine that these people experience greater discrimination and oppression on a daily basis.

As for the argument about their supposed "male privilege"—come on! Yes, we live in a sexist world, and in general men have more privilege than women. But privilege is relative. I, as a college-educated, property-owning, white, thirty-something, female in California in the '90s, enjoy more privilege in my life than, say, a poor, 15-year-old, Black faggot in rural Alabama. I just don't perceive MTF transsexuals as somehow maintaining "male privilege" when they're so harrassed all the time.

Now, to be fair to the Music Festival organizers: I, too, get tired of the trashing of those women who put so much energy into organizing large events and institutions. If you like what they're doing, go. If not, don't. But at least think about it.

Boo and Lisa have the right to put on whatever kind of festival they want and to admit whoever they want, as long as they're upfront about it. (If somebody wants to organize a festival solely for ambidextrous, Lithuanian lesbians with male children, I'll come—but we'll have lots of open space!)

It does make me sad that such a large lesbian institution should be so restrictive. But given their policies on male children, I suppose we shouldn't be surprised about their policies on transsexuals.

Eris Weaver
Rohnert Park

Chromosome Discrimination

I read with interest and sorrow in the May 21 *SF Bay Times* about the transsexual woman, Nancy Burkholder, being expelled from the Michigan Women's Music Festival ["Transsexual Lesbians Urge Boycott of Michigan Festival"]. I want to support her and Anne Ogborn for the courage they have shown in publicly coming out. It will help other transsexual women and men, lesbian, gay, straight or bi.

The prejudice and ignorance shown by a few members of the lesbian community in this instance is sad. It prevents us from unifying as a community of human beings. It perpetuates the same stereotypes and bigotry that have been used to oppress all of us.

Transsexuals suffer from the same discrimination and repression that women-born women suffer from —and more. People become very threatened by the idea of changing gender roles. I agree with Kate Bornstein's observation, "Gender is a socially constructed concept."

Transsexual women do not have "penis privilege," as has been claimed by some in your letters section. They lose status (economic and social) when they change gender roles. It is ludicrous to claim they have penis privilege when, first, most people don't know whether they have one or not; and, second, as Anne Ogborn points out, even pre-operatively they don't have what could rightly be called a penis, the hormones having shrunk it to a tiny size.

There are certainly transsexual women who commit power abuse, just as there are women-born women who commit power abuse. This is an issue that needs to be dealt with as it arises and can be dealt with as the behavior warrants.

Discriminating against someone because of their chromosomes is committing the same error as discriminating against someone on the basis of their sex or skin color. It repeats the old Freudian mistake of "biology is destiny." Most transsexual women have never identified with, and have never truly fit in with, male roles. Most of us have long histories of being or feeling like outcasts. We have felt like prisoners in our own bodies and even betrayed by our own bodies, through an accident of birth.

Many cultures throughout the world have held cross-gendered people in high esteem. They are and have been priestesses, healers, teachers or other special people. Why can't we do the same? Why do we insist that people torture themselves trying to live lives that they feel are a lie?

Labeling transsexuals as men obscures more substantive issues such as AIDS, homelessness, economic and social justice, racism, substance abuse, rape and domestic violence. Transsexuals suffer from these too, perhaps even more so!

If we focus on being "chromosomally correct," then we fall prey to the divisiveness that plagued progressive organizations in the '60s when the FBI used their "cointelpro" to disrupt them. It was the FBI that coined the term "politically correct," destroying some organizations and seriously hampering others.

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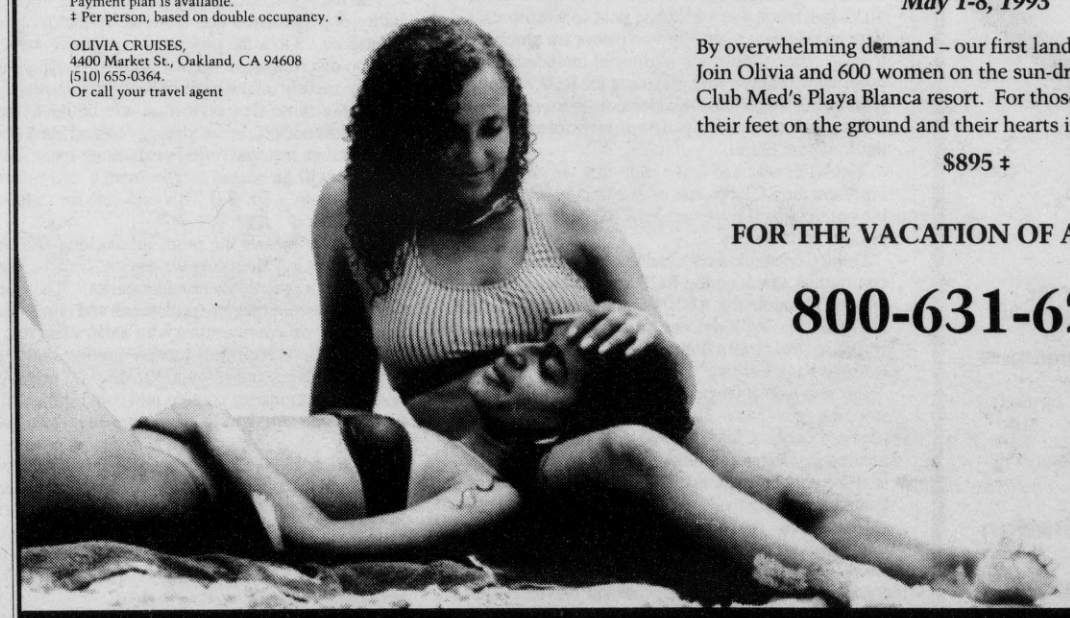

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As the country moves further to the right, the same forces that would deny abortion rights, gay rights, affirmative action and equal pay would also deny transsexual rights. Fewer employers will knowingly hire one, insurance companies are denying us the right to gender confirmation surgery, fewer surgeons are willing to perform the procedures, and fewer gynecologists, internists or endocrinologists are willing to work with transsexuals, thus forcing people to resort to "coat hanger" type methods and backstreet butchers to solve our "uninvited dilemma," as Kim Stuart so aptly put it.

As a counselor in the Tenderloin for the past six years, I have seen numerous transsexuals become victims of violence from the police, people on the street, families, and their girlfriends or boyfriends. Transsexuals who have been raped cannot get help from rape crisis organizations; transsexuals who experience domestic violence have no place to go, since battered women's shelters will not work with them. As a result of this, some turn to drugs, alcohol or mental illness to cope.

There are no in-patient programs for transsexuals who become addicted to drugs or alcohol. Even the halfway houses for addicts will not work with them, unless they dress as the sex of origin. Often, homeless shelters make impossible demands on them before giving them a bed. In the mental health system, even in San Francisco, some programs refuse to treat them if they cross-dress. Many landlords refuse to rent, assuming them to be prostitutes, drug addicts or criminals.

Stereotypes hurt all of us. For too long lesbians and other women have judged transsexuals. Now some people want to perpetuate this. Get to know us as individual women and men. Some of us have bought into stereotypes, just as some gay men and lesbians have. Don't judge us by preconceived notions of who we are. A community at war with itself cannot fight off oppressors. We have to stand together united as a community to win our rights and dignity.

We demand and deserve the same rights and respect as other lesbians and gay men. I for one invite anyone with an open mind wishing to engage in meaningful dialogue to discuss this with me as one transsexual woman.

Thank you, Nancy and Anne. Courageous, lovely Amazon warriors such as yourselves are a goddess-send. Keep up the struggle. Venceremos! I send you my love and strength in sisterhood and solidarity.

Christine Tayleur
Gender Services Coordinator
Tenderloin Self Help Center
San Francisco

Lawyers Guild Principles

In the June 4 issue of the *Sentinel* an editorial by Doug Comstock titled "Communist Party: Butt Out!" appeared alongside a reprint of the National Lawyers Guild Demonstration Committee's position paper explaining why it no longer provides services to the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). The NLG statement was published next to Comstock's with no explanation that the two pieces are unrelated to each other. Comstock's editorial included some opinions we concur with regarding the RCP's homophobia, but we found other elements of his piece appalling and contradictory to basic principles held by the Lawyers Guild.

The NLG wants to make clear that we no longer represent the RCP because of its blatantly homophobic politics—and *not* because of RCP's communist politics or practices.

Doug Comstock's editorial was a virulently anti-communist attack on the RCP and a rather clumsy attempt to blame the AB101 State Building riot on the RCP. The RCP did not "provoke" the AB101 response any more than they "provoked" the Rodney King verdict "riots."

It is also ludicrous for Comstock to claim that "by stopping the May Day assault on the Castro precipitously, Chief (Hongisto) preserved the greatest gay/lesbian community in existence." There is absolutely no evidence that the RCP planned on attacking the Castro.

Comstock is propagating the despicable, thinly veiled "Cointelpro"-type tactic utilized by Hongisto on May Day. This was calculated to accomplish several goals: to implant fear into the hearts and minds of gays and lesbians by creating and spreading a rumor of impending violence against them (a cruel means of manipulating the gay and lesbian community's collective understanding about unprovoked bashing and attacks), and to attempt to divide the progressive activist communities from each other at a time when they were uniting to fight racial, governmental and societal inequities. The city government's plan was simple—make the activists fear and fight one another, and they will not be able to keep focus upon the real enemy.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

March in the UN Plaza on June 4 to celebrate 25 years of Palestinian struggle for independence.

Hongisto attempted to justify his gross violations of people's constitutional rights to assembly and free speech by mass arrests on May Day before any demonstration materialized, and by claiming to protect the gay/lesbian community from communists like the RCP. He hoped to cash in on the currency of fear and divisiveness at the same time as he planned to cover the impending real violence by his police force.

The National Lawyers Guild is proud to say that it has been representing those brave people who dared to exercise their First Amendment rights on April 30, May 1 and May 8, and that we opposed Mayor Jordan's and Chief Hongisto's declarations and justifications for imposing martial law.

Kass McMahon
Executive Director
SF Bay Area Chaper, National Lawyers Guild

Revolutionary Communist Homophobia

I am writing in response to Stephanie Tang's letter in a recent issue of *SF Bay Times*. It is grossly misleading and dishonest for Stephanie to lump well-thought-out, rational and public criticism of the Revolutionary Communist Party's *blatant homophobia* with government-initiated rumors and cointelpro tactics. This is not the first time the RCP has accused queer leftists who do not want to work with "revolutionary" homophobes of being government driven. We are not.

The RCP's official program states, "Homosexuality is perpetuated and fostered by the decay of capitalism... Once the proletariat is in power, no one will be discriminated against in jobs, housing and the like merely on the basis of being a homosexual. But at the same time education will be conducted throughout society on the ideology behind homosexuality and its material roots in exploiting society and struggle will be waged to eliminate it and reform homosexuals." (p. 77) This is a call for cultural genocide.

Stephanie misses the point in claiming that the government is "alienating the gay and lesbian community from proletarian revolutionaries." There are plenty of revolutionaries (proletarian and otherwise) from our own communities who understand that a true socialist revolution *cannot* involve cultural genocide against any group. We do not need supposed revolutionaries coming into our communities from *outside* telling us the right line on lesbian/gay sexuality.

The RCP are not gay bashers as far as I know. They *are* homophobic and they do not belong at lesbian/gay events. When they change their line on lesbian/gay sexuality I will be happy to work with them in coalitions and welcome them at our events. Until then, I will continue trying to drive them out of our community and our movement.

Homophobia isn't revolutionary. It's the same old shit!

Kate Raphael
Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention
San Francisco

MIM Not RCP

The political flyers, "End the Occupation of the Black Nation" and "Real Violence," featured by the *San Francisco Sentinel* in the article "Revolutionary Communist Party Responds" (May 28) were not written or distributed by the RCP. As can be clearly seen on the flyers themselves, they were created by the Maoist International Movement (MIM).

The Maoist International Movement is not a split from, nor in any way affiliated with the RCP. For serious readers, MIM makes available a collection of essays and articles written since MIM's formation in 1983 that clearly demarcate MIM from the RCP in regard to several issues crucial to modern revolutionary communism.

MIM is a revolutionary communist party that accepts as members people of all sexual identities without exception. MIM attempts to unite with all groups who work for the overthrow of patriarchal imperialism.

MIM upholds the lessons of China's Cultural Revolution and supports—in theory and practice—the revolutionary struggles of the Third World nations and colonies inside Amerika and abroad to achieve freedom from imperialist rule. What the masses undertake to do in their just resistance to oppression must be supported by revolutionaries.

MIM's recent flyers ask people to look beyond the white nation's propaganda and see the real arsonists and thieves: patriarchal imperialism and its police and military regiments. The list of peoples burned and looted by Amerika is long.

Recent press statements have mentioned the existence of "phony movement leaflets." Although MIM agrees that counterfeit propaganda is an old FBI trick, *our political line remains decisive.* MIM's two flyers concerning the Los Angeles uprising, for instance, may be compared with our monthly national newsletter, *MIM Notes*, for political content.

In conclusion, MIM would like to take this opportunity to encourage all revolutionary organizations to abandon homophobic political lines and practices. It is fundamentally this type of non-Maoist line—and not just the lies, slanders and tricks of reactionaries—that truly operates to divide the revolutionary and progressive movements of the people.

Maoist International Movement
San Francisco Bay Area

Why His Buddies Died

Re the "Shame" letter in *SF Bay Times*, May 21 issue:

Well, here's another pissant old man who wants to complain about why and for whom his World War II buddies died. Well, sir, they died for all of us to have rights.

As to the copies of the genital-oriented, demeaning, insulting newspaper cover where normal [sic] people (you?) and children could see them, what about the hetero newspapers that are on the streets demeaning women?

I thought the police chief was doing a wonderful job until this, but he got what he deserved. You can't be in the public eye and expect not to have people say bad things about you. If that is the case you should never quit your day job.

As for insulting you—I wouldn't waste my time or go out of my way to do that, as I respect your right to also have an opinion. Besides, you know what they say about opinions? It's just like an asshole, everyone's got one.

You will probably never read this as you say you never pick up this paper. And besides, you didn't have balls enough to sign your name.

H. Graham
San Francisco

On Dan and Dick

Deja vu? The last time an ex-Supervisor/ex-cop whined to get his job back in San Francisco, Twinkies took on a whole new meaning. Then, as now, the local drama followed on the heels of an astonishing and tragic event that dominated the headlines. That's about all Jonestown and Simi Valley have in common. Let's hope that Dan White and Dick Hongisto have nothing more in common than their whining.

Naphtali Offen
San Francisco

Degrading Picture

I am writing this letter to voice concern and confusion regarding the recent front page spread on Mr. Hongisto with a baton coming out of his groin area and what appears to be a masturbation scene. I cannot see how a newspaper could justify degrading someone this way. Obviously, he was not notified of this falsified picture prior to the release of the newspaper. Aside from his own public humiliation, what about this man's family?

I am not a gay man, but I feel the rights of everyone, gay or otherwise, should be respected and that this portrayal was a violation of those rights.

I also believe that we should treat others as we would want to be treated. With all the hatred going

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The John Brown anti-Klan organization held a Run/Walkathon on June 13 to help benefit the fight against racism.

on, we should try to learn to live together. As Rodney King recently said, "Can't we all get along?"

If you had a point to make about Mr. Hongisto's actions, I think it would have been received a lot better without the negative overtones of the cover picture.

I am a very open-minded person, and so I wonder if you can give me an explanation why this cover picture was necessary.

Ken McComb
San Mateo

Empowering Ourselves

Now that the dust has settled over the Hongisto affair, a few observations on the political climate in San Francisco seem appropriate. One of the things I found most disturbing about the Hongisto circus was how many gays and lesbians were willing to put aside all consideration of the enormity of Hongisto's crimes and egomania. Because of the faith they had in his previous reputation as a liberal and so-called friend of our community, respect for Hongisto's "liberal reputation" overrode the sensibilities of people who might otherwise have seen these incidents as the almost insane attacks against our community that they really were.

Going back over Hongisto's record it is clear that we have nothing for which to be particularly grateful. Most of what he did is little more than just "doing the right thing" that should be expected of anyone. There is nothing remarkable in that. It's a testament to how desperate we are for good leadership that many in our community continue to adamantly support someone who, entrusted with power, so gleefully paid the community back for that trust with vicious attacks on our right to free speech and free assembly.

Like many of our political "friends," Mr. Hongisto has given us nothing but a lot of lip service in exchange for our votes and support. I wish those of his supporters who went so far as to threaten Hongisto critics with violence could see that.

But Hongisto is not alone. The politicians in this town have succeeded in slicing up the lesbian/gay vote and support. We have run gushing to their aid with our time, money, energy and votes. We have supporters in every one of the major candidates' campaigns including, believe it or not, some very confused gay men working for anti-gay Pat Buchanan. Only recently, we saw on television the pained expressions of those gay Ross Perot supporters who, while diligently working at his campaign office, learned their beloved "great straight hope" had stated publicly he felt it appropriate to discriminate against gays.

During last year's campaign for mayor we actually had people getting into fights at 18th and Castro over disagreements about their choice of straight, male candidates. Straight women have used us, too. Would Dianne Feinstein be on the road to the U.S. Senate if it had not been for her many gay supporters? I doubt it. And how did she pay them back when she was Mayor? A veto of the first domestic partners bill, that's how. And what is Feinstein going to do for queers in the Senate? Will she be pursuing the interests of her oh-so-avid gay supporters? I doubt it.

So where has all of this divisive support for straight candidates gotten us as a community? Have we even forgotten about the concept of community?

To those Bush/Buchanan/Perot supporters, I have to ask: What's more important, the amount you pay in taxes and your conservative/moralistic/militaristic agenda or your civil rights?

To the liberals I ask: What's more important, the lip service and crumbs thrown to you by Hongisto/Feinstein/Clinton/Brown or an end to homophobia in all its aspects, once and for all?

I know this community is not monolithic. But maybe that's because the politicos have succeeded for years in feeding the factionalism in our community and playing one faction against the other. I know we run the gamut from leftist anarchist to right-wing fascist and everything in between. But, as a community, we all have a uniting bond. We must stand for something together—the end of homophobia in our society and the establishment of protections for our human and civil rights once and for all.

Harvey Milk said it best when he warned against throwing our support too willingly behind straight politicians, even liberal ones, instead of empowering members of our own community and giving *them* our support. No one will promote the lesbian/gay agenda better than one of our own. Harvey was our best example of that. If we took all the energy and passion that we have put into the campaigns of our straight "friends" and put it behind creating and supporting lesbian and gay candidates, we would truly be a force to be reckoned with.

Allen Carson
San Francisco

Marching Bi

Don't be left on the sidelines during this year's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade. BiPOL (Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay Political Action Group), Bi-Friendly San Francisco and the Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN) are organizing a fabulous contingent.

Although ex-Mayor and future Senator Bi-Anne has sent her regrets, and Princess Bi is busy working it out with Chuck (her once and future King), Patricia Bireland will be heading our contingent, coaching one and all to "Come out NOW!" There will also be many old friends in attendance from years gone Bi. The Bi-cepts for arms control, and the Radical Bi-labials Against Liposuction and LaRouche will be joined by the Bi-valves, Bi-cuspids and other Bi-friendly folks.

We will assemble at 9:30 at the corner of Mission and Main (Embarcadero Muni/BART station). Look for the pink balloon. Bring a sign. Bring musical instruments. Join us for this festive opportunity to combat biphobia. Bi far this is your best chance to take pride in being bisexual.

Bi for now and always.

Lani Kaahumanu
San Francisco

Queers for Steers

Some of us still don't get it, do we? Oppression, like love, is indivisible. Consider the following statement from a rodeo steer wrestler in the 1982 book, *Rodeo: An Anthropologist Looks at the Wild and the Tame*, by Elizabeth Atwood Lawrence: "Women should not rodeo any more than men can have babies. Women were put on earth to reproduce, and are close to animals. Women's liberation is on an equal to gay liberation—they are both ridiculous."

And yet, a July "gay rodeo" is in the works for San Francisco. Talk about an oxymoron! Rodeo exemplifies the very macho attitude that is so destructive to lesbians, gay men and the planet at large. Rodeo is an exercise in *domination*, the strong over the weak, one step removed from rape. John Wayne as idol rather than as a mind-set to overcome.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Carmen grooving to the sounds of Midnight Voices at the animals rights festival held last Sunday at the Civic Center.

Do animal pain, fear and suffering—sometimes death—count for nothing? Yes, I'm well aware that the gay rodeo circuit is gentler than the straight circuit, and has some good humane guidelines—not surprising, since the majority of contestants don't even know how to ride a horse.

Western tradition, cook-outs and barn dances, yes. But let's leave the unwilling, four-legged participants out of the festivities.

See you at the Parade.

Eric Mills
Coordinator, Gays and Friends for Animal Rights parade contingent
Oakland

Fly It Right

As another Gay Pride week approaches and the City decorates the light poles along Market Street, a question comes up that has bothered me for the past two years: Will our flag ever fly right? In the past our flag has been flown mixed, both upside down and right side up. I dare say that when the City lines Market Street with American flags, you can rest assured that they will always fly correctly.

In order to help the City accomplish the task of flying the rainbow flag correctly, I suggest you put it on the front page of your paper, as it seems that city officials review your front page.

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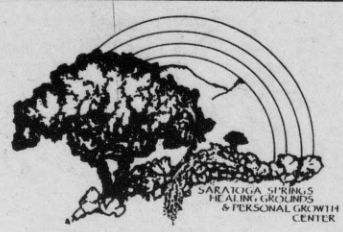

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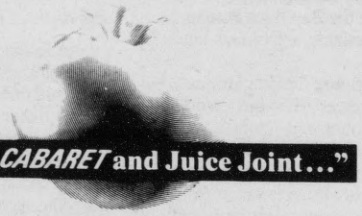

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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

Pride and Joy

Venus and Mars will be in a prolonged sextile over most of the coming fortnight. The astrological symbols for these planets are commonly used as the female symbol of the circle over the cross (Venus) and the male symbol of the arrow rising from the circle (Mars). Venus, well known as the "Goddess of love," is actually an indicator of aesthetics. Venus in your chart tells what kind of music or art you love, and what you find physically attractive in others. (The moon indicates emotional connections.) Mars, "the War God," is actually about externalization of energy—assertion indeed, but hopefully not war and struggle. In sexist tradition, Venus in a man's chart was said to show what kind of women he would like, and Mars in a woman's chart would indicate her man. Of course, we now understand that men can be aesthetic and women can be assertive. Nobody needs to deny and project those qualities.

Venus and Mars are also considered an erotic joining. Readers of the *SF Bay Times* (at least those who read one at a time) understand that eros is not necessarily a coming together of a male with a female. Even so, in the sex act we combine the martian qualities (hot, assertive, commanding, selfish, powerful, sportive) with the venereal (beautiful, gentle, sensuous, cooperative, affectionate, generous).

While these two planets are in sextile, this will be a good time to examine and balance traits that you feel are "masculine" with those that are "feminine." If you feel that your sexuality or your creative process is somehow one-sided vis-a-vis the Mars-Venus polarity, you can look at ways to juice it up with a bit of Mars, or soften it with some more Venus.

On Gay Pride weekend, Jupiter, the planet of opportunity and good fortune, will trine Mars and sextile Venus, making it a wonderful time to enjoy the social and creative opportunities that should and will indeed abound at such a time.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Right now, you're just as energetic and playful as ever! But you seem to have an intent, focused quality that is unusual to your sign. Your brashness is now tempered with a bit of gentle grace, and—*Goodness!*—could that be thoughtfulness and caution? This is an excellent time to focus your energies into creative ventures, especially writing. A sudden streak of helpfulness will make you particularly welcome at parties.

TAURUS: While others are trying to be festive, all the fanfare may be little more than an annoying distraction. You're just a troubleshooting marksman these days, brilliantly working out difficult situations and cleaning up trouble wherever it lies. Money and home trouble seem to be the worst of it, but the truth is, problems aren't quite so bad as a part of you seems to think. Don't be so hard on yourself. Actually, your finances and home life are looking pretty good right now, although there's always room for improvement. You may want to lend some of that energy to one of the many groups that need it to keep the parade and rally going!

GEMINI: You are graced this week and next with charm and energy. You'll be able to have a wonderful time butterflying all around the parade, meeting fascinating people, reading all the various pamphlets and celebrating the diversity. When you have time to play, let a friend get you dressed up in a fashion you would never pick for yourself. You don't have to go out in public that way, but the chance to see yourself through someone else's eyes will open up your self-image. And you just may go parading as an entirely new you. *Happy Birthday: Joseph Bean!*

CANCER: If your birthday is much after Queer Pride Day, you may feel like sitting it out and having a quiet weekend to yourself. Otherwise, let it be your birthday party! Either way, you will probably feel some need for quiet privacy. Your attention is focused on money and career issues these days, and you need to figure out details and strategies. Several problems are very clear right now, but not the worst one of them: self-doubt. Your instincts are really quite good now. Have faith in yourself.

LEO: *Pride* is your middle name, as well as the parade's. You don't need the excuse, but you will take the festivities *du saison* as a reason to celebrate, trying to weave your friends into a tight-knit community. Typically—and now more than ever—you may be trying a bit too hard. Your desires are natural enough, and on the surface, quite reasonable. The stars, however, are adding to your effusive bombast. You don't really need the booster. Be as friendly as ever, but remember there's a lot going on right now and if other folks have other plans it's not a reflection on you.

VIRGO: Despite your sign's reputation for blending into the files, working quietly and efficiently, you are now standing out as being very capably—and graciously—in charge. You seem to set people at ease, *attracting* more than *commanding* respect. Although you typically prefer more "real" indicators, your instincts and hunches are unbeatable right now. The more faith you show in yourself right now, the more you will draw from others. As much as you prefer helping out behind the scenes, your good work and strong presence will be noticed.

LIBRA: You're awfully friendly and flirtatious in the next week. Even more than usual! That shouldn't be a problem, but somebody would rather monopolize your attentions. All you really need to do is include that special someone in your social whirl. Your partner, if acknowledged and appreciated, will be very helpful as you both meet lots of interesting new people, some from faraway places. The Queer Pride Day Rally is the biggest party ever. Go ahead and pretend you're the hostess!

SCORPIO: Your sign is famously charismatic, but now a gentle sensuality is making you more appealing than ever. You could (and most certainly will!) use that sensual appeal in a lusciously personal manner, but you can also focus it into a more publicly appropriate sort of charm. Your charisma is especially strong at work and should help you work through any problems there, no matter how big or small. You can also make some point with folks in charge, or others who can help you along in your career. You may prefer to hide in the crowd and watch the parade go by, but if you do march you will be noticed!

SAGITTARIUS: The stars show you having a very playful and affectionate partner right about now. If you don't have one yet, you should very soon. Always gregarious and popular, you are about to become virtually irresistible. You don't need to push it, but if you want to, the trick is to play up your tits and shoulders, be nurturing and sensual. How could anyone resist? Your true love will want private time with you, but will want to show you off as well. March together with your favorite spiritual or religious group.

CAPRICORN: You seem to be more at home at work than you are at home. Nowadays you can find ways to combine the two. This is an ideal time for housecleaning and rearranging things to make your home feel more efficient and more comfortable. It can also be a good time to strengthen ties with co-workers, to make the working team feel more like a "family" or, perhaps more realistically, like a community. March with your co-workers or a group representing your profession. Your sign also rules leather, so check out those contingents. They may offer you some interesting opportunities to explore!

AQUARIUS: Your creative impulses are now running full steam! Your biggest challenge right now is to stop telling everyone what you're going to do and get down to doing it! This is an ideal time for creative writing, but remember little Calvin who gets sent to the school psychologist when he gets "creative." You may want to focus your creativity into something that others are likely to enjoy, or you may prefer to unleash your true artistry. Just remember that real artistry is never appreciated in its own time. Of all the signs, you are used to that! Put together a truly outrageous outfit and march at

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THE SAN FRANCISCO
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COMING UP!

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JUNE 18 / THU

BACW Marin Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of delicious roasted chicken, and other moderately-priced Italian dishes at Gira Polli. 7 pm, $2 event fee. Reservations required by 6/14. Limited to 12 women. Info: Janice 383-6737.

Playing with "Daddy" by Lou: Class spons by QSM as part of their ogoing series of educational & artistic events for the s/m community. Many s/m women enjoy being daddy, daddy's girl, or daddy's boy. Class includes both a daddy/girl & a daddy/boy scene. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Our Feminist Roots. A pictorial history of women in America, by Judy. All women welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.

"Our Inner Life: A Time to Mourn, a Time to Dance," lecture by well-known spiritual author Henry JM Nouwen. Event is a fundraiser for Kairos Support for Caregivers and Bethany House, a residence for HIV-affected persons in Oakland. Program includes reception & book sale. 7:30 pm, $10 suggested donation. St Mary's Conference Center, Geary & Gough, SF. Info: (415) 861-0877 or (510) 635-9576.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Video artist Barbara Hammer shows her work & hosts an in-store discussion of video artistry. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Lesbian Relationships: Mini-wkshop/talk for singles & couples. Understanding what makes a relationship great isn't enough—discovering & implementing what we know works is the challenge. Come discover new ways of being in relationship that dramatically enhance your chances of creating the kind of relationships you want. 7:30-9:30 pm, $3 per person. Presented by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks, Inc. Info/RSVP: 572-1999.

HIV Drop-In Group spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF meets 7:45 pm in the Chapel. All interested men are welcome! 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

The Sound of *Sirens*: Night of music & laughter with this group of 6 women who perform original music, comedy & musical spoofs. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Michael Kearns in "Rock," at Josie's Cabaret: Openly-gay, openly HIV-positive LA actor Kearns performs his solo show about homophobia, artistic identity, show business & Rock Hudson. Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 6/21 at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Reggae Dance Party at El Rio: 9 pm-2 am with DJs General Patten, Major Thomas & Corbet Harvey Bowens. 9 pm-2 am. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Sizzle, A Dance Party at Olive Oil's: With DJ Cyndy Batanides. $6 at door, proceeds benefit Team San Francisco, Uncle Bert's Slammer's Women's Basketball Team & Gay Games IV. Doors open at 9 pm. Pier 50 (off 3rd St, near China Basin, SF).

At the I-Beam: *Course of Empire* and *Voice of Destruction. 9 pm, $5. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.*

JUNE 19 / FRI

Breast Health Day at South East Clinic in SF: Spons by Women's Cancer Network. Low-cost ($10) mammograms for low-income women residing in SF. Also breast exam instruction & info on how to reduce cancer risks thru proper diet. Adv registration requested, call 822-2129.

Innovative Housing Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets to explore alternative housing possibilities. 1-3 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Mid-Peninsula BACW TGIF at B Street in San Mateo. Join Bay Area Career Women for hors d'oeuvres & great conversation! 5:30-8:30 pm upstairs at Sassy's. $4.

5th Annual American Indian Intertribal Pow Wow & Arts & Crafts Exposition: Today thru 6/21 at the Kaiser Arena, 10th & Fallon (nr Lake Merritt BART Station), Oakland. Gathering of tribes spons by the American Indian Film Institute, a celebration of the traditions & diversity of Native American culture thru tribal songs, ritual dances, authentic costumes & Indian tacos. Over 50 Indian artisans & craftspeople exhibit their jewelry, rugs & weavings, drums & original artworks. Also dance competition. Tix: $2 gen'l, $1 seniors & youth ages 17 & under. Hrs: 6-11:30 pm tonight, 10 am-11:30 pm tmw, 10 am-6:30 pm on 6/23. Info: (415 554-0525 or (510) 763-1495.

BACW/Sonoma TGIF IZBAKI: Join Bay Area Career Women for their Friday Fun Fest! 6 pm in Santa Rosa. No-host bar. $5. For info/location call (707) 523-8176.

5th Annual Silver Star Pow Wow & Indian Market: Tonight thru 6/21 at the Kaiser Arena, 10th & Fallon Sts (nr Lake Merritt BART Station), Oakland. Presented by the American Indian Film Institute. Gathering of tribes celebrating the traditions & diversity of Native American culture thru tribal song, dance & cultural arts. Wide variety of contemporary crafts on sale including silver & turquoise jewelry, rugs & weavings, drums & original artwork. Dancers representing tribes throughout the western US compete for over $5000 in cash & honor prizes. Indian fry-breads and tacos for sale. Admission $2 gen'l, $1 seniors & youths (17 & under). Hours: 6-11:30 pm tonight, 10 am-11:30 pm tmw, and 10 am-6 pm on 6/21. Info: 554-0525.

BACW TGIF & WCD: Join Bay Area Career Women for Thank God It's Friday & We Can Dance at the Belrose Theatre Center, 1415 5th Ave in San Rafael. Dance your week's stress away! Complimentary light snacks. 7-8 pm social, 8-11 pm, dancing. $8. Info: Diane 492-9570.

Michael Kearns in "Rock," at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/18.

BATS (Bay Area Theatresports): Night of improv theater played as a sporting event. Teams of improvisers (from various SF theatre groups such as Pulp Playhouse & Fratelli Bologna) will take audience suggestions & create a scene based on a predetermined style of Theatresports game. 8 pm tonight & tmw and 6/26 & 27. Tix $10. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary Blvd, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

Global Riot at Josie's: Night of hilarious comedy improv by SF's only lesbian & gay comedy improv troupe. 10 pm, $8. 3543 18th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Mothertongue Sampler at Mama Bears: Mothertongue Feminist Theatre Collective celebrates Lesbian/Gay Freedom month with a sampling of the best of four popular scripts: *Lesbian Erotica, Jewish Women & Friends, Aging,* and *Mothers & Sons.* 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Sister Safety Pin: Patti & Melanie are roommates with a big problem—they're attracted to each other. A new one-act lesbian comedy by Lorrie Sprecher, directed by Nora McLoughlin. Three performances: Tonight and tmw at 8 pm, 2:30 pm on 6/21. Proceeds benefit the Marin Battered Lesbians Support Group. For tix info & res call 453-8386. Fairfax Women's Club, 95 Park Rd, Fairfax, CA.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya present a concert of Balinese music & dance at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Last Bay Area concert before the group leaves for a tour of Bali. Info: (510) 845-8542.

Artists' Television at ATA: Don't miss Artists' Televison Access' wild & wacky cable access show produced by Phil Patiris. A treat for the senses shown for those of us without cable. 8:30 pm, $3. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Chic Street Man in Concert at Ehrer Theatre, 225 Geneva Ave, nr Hwy 280, SF. Singer/songwriter performs as part of the Harvest Theatre Company's 5th anniversary celebration. 8:30 pm, $10. Info/res: 563-1431.

KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See *Two of Us*, a film commissioned by the BBC for a series of school specials. Tells the story of two working class teenage boys whose friendship turns into a relationship of mutual sexual affection. 9 pm. KQED TV Channel 9.

At Rockin' Robins: *One-Eyed Jack's* and *Louder Than God*. Showtimes 9 & 11 pm. 1840 Haight St, SF. $3.

KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See *The Creative Mind: Marlon Riggs*, part of KQED's series of conversations with outstanding local artists, this two-part program features filmmaker Marlon Riggs (*Tongues Untied, Ethnic Notions*) in a discussion of how his works consistently confront issues of homophobia & racism. 10 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.

JUNE 20 / SAT

A Great Day at Great America: Spons by AIDS Health Project. HIV negative gay & bisexual men are invited for a day of fun at Great America. Meet 8:45 am under the Safeway sign, Church & Market Sts, SF, to carpool. For info/RSVP call Josh 431-9049. $16.50.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy Street (merges briefly with 23rd), turn right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda & continue on park thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis, follow across bridge. Turn right onto Island Drive & immediately right onto Veterans Court. Meet 9 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

5th Annual Silver Star Pow Wow at the Kaiser Arena, see 6/19.

5th Annual American Indian Intertribal Pow Wow & Arts & Crafts Expo—see 6/19 listing for details.

6th Annual ClaireLight Anniversary Celebration, with lots of munchies, door prizes & fun! Plus a balloon discount & $100 worth of free books for some lucky person, 10 am-5 pm at 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

4th Almost-Annual Psychic & Healing Arts Fair: Professional psychics from the Bay Area offer channeling, palm & Tarot card reading, numerological & astrological consultations and "straight" intuitive guidance. Healers demo various techniques including Reiki (ancient Japanese touch healing) and neck & shoulder massage. Also view aura photography, New Age books, crystals & environmental music displays. Free hourly lectures by noted speakers (beginning at noon). Fair hrs: 11 am-5 pm today in SF at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary and tmw in San Jose at the Downtown Holiday Inn, 282 Almaden Blvd, corner of San Carlos. Admission either day is $2 at door. For more info call Noel (510) 284-4007.

Magic of Astrology on Summer Solstice: Class with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info: 331-1028.

La Pena Cultural Ctr 17th Anniversary Celebration: La Pena celebrates 17 years of multicultural activism with an indoor-outdoor, day & night program of music, dance, food & fun; starting at noon with a special children's program (see Parents & Kidsbox for details), followed by music & dance performance with new song by *La Pena Community Chorus,* gospel & R&B with *Street Sounds,* Andean music by *Karumanta,* flamenco dance & music with *Aire de Sevilla*, Chilean folk dance with *Araucaria*, and Afro-Cuban dance music with *Charanga, Tumbao y Cuerdas.* Night ends with crazy dance party with music provided by *Dr Loco's Rockin' Jalapeno Band.* Come meet old friends & make new ones! Day program tix: $2 adults, $1 kids. Evening dance tix: $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

"K-12, A Museo Contempo Artevent," at Third Wave Dancehouse, an evening of visual, projection, dance & performance works by Amazin' Mavens, Art Ducks with Jordis Stallory, Aqua, Malia Barron, Mike Blockstein, Daniel Diaz, Cliff Hengst, Josie Iselin, Deborah Lewis, Loman Bros, Lars Mars, Nina Nathan, Chris Van Raalte, Kathryn Weinstein & John Zane-Cheong. Reception 6-8 pm, recital 8-9:30 pm, $3. Partial proceeds benefit Project Open Hand. Info: 647-3390.

"Hot, Horny & Healthy," Black & White Men Together (BWMT) Rap/Social features a BAHSES' safer sex playshop. Doors open at 6:30 pm, program begins promptly at 7. Everyone welcome! 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF.

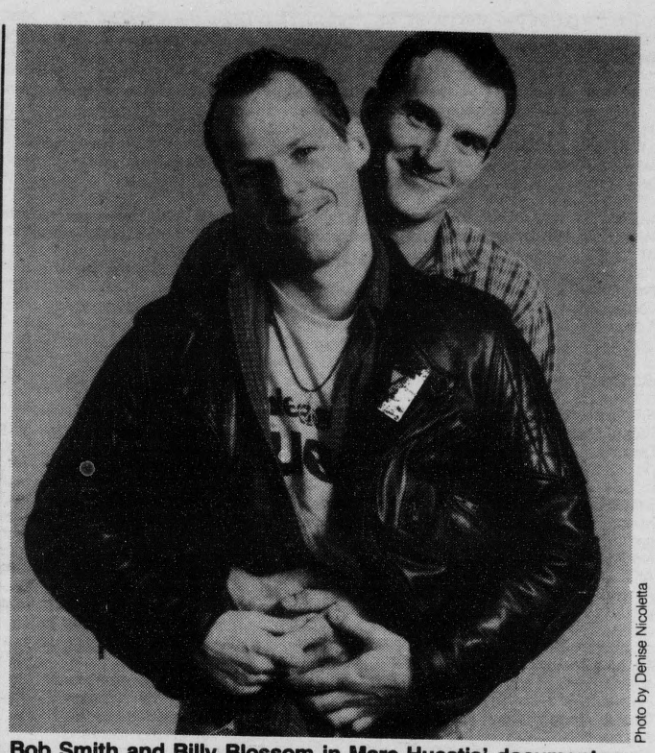
SF Ethnic Dance Festival Pre-Performance Talk with Clifford dos Reis Jones (artistic director, Cuadro Iberico, Spain), Ann Woo (executive director, Chinese Performing Artists of San Jose, China), Alassane Kane (artistic director, Ceedo Senegalese Dance Co, West Africa). 6:30 pm, free. McBean Theatre, The Exploratorium, Palace of Fine Arts Theater, Bay & Lyon Sts, SF. Info: City Celebration 474-3914.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay Night On The Town: 7 pm dinner at China Station, 700 University St at 4th, Berkeley, call (510) 548-7880 for info; 9 pm dancing at Club Mix, 1 Bolivar Dr (nr Aquatic Park); call (510) 540-0869 for info & to reserve dinner.

"One With Many Names," a Midsummer's Night celebration of the Summer Solstice, spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. 7 pm. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Sacred River Benefit with Rainbeau: Dance performance by Rainbeau, "inspires women & men to recreate themselves & their sexuality, to redefine erotica." Program also includes original folksongs by Carol Denney, poetry by Diane Lando & Carla Kandinsky and refreshments by the Tea Spot Cafe. 7:30 pm, $3-10. Proceeds benefit Sacred River, Bay Area Women's Journal. At the Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 658-2182.

"A Very Different Night at the Theatre," New Conservatory Theatre presents Tatiana & Co in a benefit for the Conservatory's AIDS education touring projects for youth. Don't miss this one-night-only female impersonation extravaganza—fun begins at 7:30 pm with a wine reception, performance at 8. Seating limited, call 861-4914 for res/in-



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Bob Smith and Billy Blossom in Marc Huestis' documentary "Sex Is" at the Club Uranus Father's Day celebration and benefit "Make Room for Daddy" with Justin Bond on June 21. See Calendar for details.

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Linda Tillery and her Motown band play at the gay pride dance at the Omni in Berkeley on June 27. Check Calendar for info.

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Come to Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon on June 25, featuring readings by well-known SF authors. Calendar has info.

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Sister Safety Pin: New one-act lesbian comedy, see 6/19 listing for details.
Over Our Heads at Mama Bears: Eve of music & comedy improv with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, and guests. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Mark Davis, Michael Savoy & Dan Morgan. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) at ACT Playhouse, see 6/19.
From the Minds of ATA: Artists Television Access Open House/Fundraiser—A night of film, video, installation & performance in a cool, cabaret atmosphere of liquor, food, music & fun. Includes work by Phil Patiris, Todd Edelman, Lisa Brennan, Adrian Roberts, Keith Knight, Kris Atkins, Ron Wells, Liz Canning, Amy Balkin, David Ambrose, Gamall A, Bill Daniel & Tym Simpson & others. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See American Playhouse presentation of *Longtime Companion,* the first major feature film to focus on AIDS & its impact on contemporary American society. Tells the story of a group of gay men in New York who come together & find strength in the face of adversity. 8 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.
At the I-Beam: *The Samples* & special guests. 9 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. 1748 Haight St, SF.
GAPA Beach: Gay Asian Pacific Alliance dance party—9 pm-1 am at Ft Mason Bldg C, SF. Room 260. Hot sounds, leis, go-go boys, tropical drinks, door prizes—see you there! Tix $6.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Merrmen* & more. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JUNE 21 / SUN

Berry Nice to Meet Ya... Berry-picking expedition at Phipps Ranch in Pescadero; for HIV positive people, spons by the AIDS Health Project. Berry picking followed by picnic in the redwoods. 9 am-3:30 pm, $3. For info/RSVP call Brian 386-2103.
Golf at Blackberry Farm with Southbay BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Call Wynette (408) 238-0568 or the Southbay BACW Infoline (408) 223-8850 for details.
5th Annual Silver Star Pow Wow at the Kaiser Arena: Final day! See 6/19 listing for details.
Gospel Brunch: A Father's Day celebration with Emmit Powell and the *Gospel Elites* at Tweet's Cafe, 544 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Three sets: 10 am, noon & 2 pm. $25 per person, reservations required. Call (707) 544-8306 for info/res. Don't miss!
"Getting What You Want," Goals Workshop: Focus on knowing what you want, discovering & neutralizing barriers. Learn strategies to keep yourself focused & moving forward. 10 am-4:30 pm, $45 includes simple lunch. SF location. Info/reg: Bruce Cowan 626-2026.
5th Annual American Indian Intertribal Pow Wow & Arts & Crafts Expo: Final day! See 6/19 listing for details.
Making Waves: SF's 1st Annual Summer Solstice Music Celebration: Come share your summer spirit, play, dance or bang a gong! Two full stages of live music in Justin Herman Plaza, 11 am-8 pm. Open jazz jam, open percussion jam, spontaneous street performances along Market Street, free music & transportation on Market Street Antique Street Cars, and Exploratorium Theater performances. All events are free. Bring your picnic lunch—plan to spend the day having fun! Spons by the SF Arts Commission, the Exploratorium, the SF Chamber of Commerce, Alliance Francaise, Instituto de Cultura Italiano & the Goethe-Institute. Info: 648-2979.
4th Almost-Annual Psycic Fair in San Jose. Final day! See 6/20 listing for details.
Festive Eucharist in celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week at Trinity Episcopal Church: Special service honors those who came before us & celebrates with pride the diversity of the lesbian & gay community. Guest preacher: Dr Bonita Palmer, family physician and Episcopal lesbian feminist lay leader. Everyone is welcome! 11 am. Bush & Gough Sts, SF. Info: 775-1117.
Father's Day at MCC-SF: 11 am service includes Children's Church program for kids. 7 pm service with Rev Jim Mitulski preaching on "Commemorating Lesbian & Gay History," plus guest performance by the Lesbian & Gay Chorus. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Men Pleasuring Men: Explorations in Touch at Eros, the Center for Safe Sex. Matthew Simmons & John Sabel, trained sex teachers, welcome men to an afternoon of intimacy, touch & pleasure. Opportunity for men to come together & celebrate maleness in a safe, playful & guided environment. Every Sunday, 2-5 pm, $20 at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Info: 864-3767.
Up N Outta Bed, ATA's (Artists Television Access) series of free screenings of big, fat commercial films continues with an afternoon of Bogie! See *Casablanca, The African Queen* or *The Maltese Falcon*—your choice. 2 pm. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Benefit Concert for Center for Positive Care, an HIV early intervention resource center (rescheduled from earlier date). Features *Roy, Gottaowee, The Swinging Doors, Mole Hill, Pork's House* and other acts. Lots of music, dancing, drink & jambalaya. $10 per person suggested donation at door. 21 Bernice btwn Folsom & Harrison, off 12th, SF. Info: 905-2248 or 905-2504.
G Forty Plus Mtg: 2-4 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Today's program: Gala party in celebration of the approaching Gay Day parade. Coffee & cake provided, bring goodies to share if you can. Info: 552-1997.
Sister Safety Pin: New one-act lesbian comedy, see 6/19 for details.
Sunday BBQ at Thunder Bay: With *Milestone Easy, Tilt, Louder Than God* and *Lost Pilgrims*. 3 pm, no cover. 1 Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Candela*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Bi-Friendly Potluck Supper & mtg for *Anything That Moves,* the quarterly magazine of the Bay Area Bisexual Network. All current *ATM* staff members and all others interested in workin on the magazine in any capacity (writing, typing, editing, etc) are welcome. Sutter/Polk St SF location, call John 775-5697 for details.
Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers concludes its 7th season with a varied program of new chamber music & songs of fantasy & humor. Includes works by Louis Sacriste, John Martin, Alan Stringer, Warner Jepson, Matthew McQueen, Jeff Young, Harry Bernstein. Several of the compositions are premieres. 4 pm, $8 gen'l, $3 stdnts & srs. Community Music Ctr, 544 Capp St btwn 20th & 21st. Info: 681-8008.
SF Fringe Riders, all-women country western dance troupe, hosts a fundraiser at Just Rewards in Walnut Creek. 4-9:30 pm. Performances, raffles, lots of dancing fun. Info/directions: Karin 512-8554.
Solstice Celebration for Women's Health Care: Come celebrate the summer solstice & help provide health care to poor women with cancer. Program includes readings by playwright/poet Cherrie Moraga and salsa by the new all-woman band *Cana Brava*. 7:30 pm at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave (nr Ashby BART), Berkeley. Proceeds benefit two programs for low-income women struggling with cancer—La Clinica "Salud Para la Gente" in Watsonville & the Charlotte Maxwell Clinic in Oakland. $8-$15 SL fee.
Michael Kearns in "Rock," at Josie's Cabaret. Final performance! See 6/18 listing for details.
Thunder Bay & the I-Beam present *The Samples*. 8 pm, $8 adv. 1 Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.
Make Room For Daddy: Wonderful way to celebrate Father's Day—Performer extraordinaire Justin Bond in a journey to the center of Uranus, a benefit for Larry Helman's upcoming documentary, *SEX IS...* Night of hot entertainment includes out-of-this-world go-go by local celebrities, sizzling slides by Daniel Nicoletta, hot new erotic footage from *SEX IS...* and wild music by DJs Mike & Lewis. 9 pm-3:30 am at Club Uranus, 995 Harrison St at 6th, SF. Tix $5. Info: 863-2098.
At Rockin' Robins: *Quagmire* and *Wonderland*. Showtimes 9 & 11 pm, $3. 1840 Haight St, SF.

JUNE 22 / MON

"Diversity with a Difference: Serving 3 Million Aging Gays & Lesbians," conference is a gathering of older gay men & lesbians, researchers on gay & lesbian aging issues, and representatives of facilities providing health care & social services to the aging population, and gays & lesbians of all ages who wish to learn more about being old & gay. US Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass) delivers keynote address titled, "Advocating for Change: Bringing Gay & Lesbian Issues into the Mainstream." Spons by the American Society on Aging and the Nat'l Assoc of Lesbian & Gay Gerontologists. All-day event held in the Nikko Hotel in SF. For info/res call (800) 537-9728 or fax 882-4280. Reg fee: $100.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation; 7 pm at the Village Deli, tonight & 6/29. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.
Open Poetry Reading at SFJCC: Led by Teddy Weiler. Everyone welcome to read & listen, sign-up for reading at 7:15 pm, reading 7:30-9:30 pm, $2. Coffee & tea served. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
WHAM!/Bay Area (Women's Health Action & Mobilization) meets 7:30 pm tonight (and every other Mon) at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe health care is political are welcome! Info: 985-7141 ext 85.
See *Poetry in Motion,* feature documentary/performance film exploring the nature & vision of today's poetry scene. Shot primarily in New York, SF & Toronto, the film features an eclectic assortment of live & studio performances by over 25 of North America's most intriguing bards, plus entertaining & illuminating interviews with the poets. At the Red Vic Movie House tonight & tmw, 7:30 & 9:25 pm. 1727 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-8999.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mark Davis. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Count Me In, new music video, a collaboration between songwriter/performer Judith Kate Friedman and videographer/producer Lori Dovi screens at the SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, 9 pm tonight & at noon on 6/27. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. Info: Frameline 861-5245.
STTV (Straight Talk Television): Alternative music & news in the community. 10 pm on SF Viacom cable channel 25.

JUNE 23 / TUE

KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See *Coming of Age*, film about teenagers at a Calif camp discussing their fears, opinions & experiences on various topics including race, family abuse & sexuality. 12:30 am, KQED TV Channel 9.
Spirit Theatre Dance Studio belly dance class at 6 pm, jazz dance at 7:30 pm, free. 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-3232.
Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Stuart Sherbondy. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
At Alexander Book Co: Author Joseph Graham discusses his book *Onomatopoetics: Theory of Language & Literature,* the 4th book in the Cambridge series *Literature, Culture, Theory*. 7 pm, free. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.
Summer Solstice Celebration with the Church of Amron. Ritual & communion based on ancient tradition. Everyone welcome! For res/info call 775-0227. 7 pm.
Lesbian Activism Panel: A special forum for the community in honor of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, spons by the Lesbian Caucus of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club. Panelists include Carmen Vazquez, Roma Guy, Melinda Paras, Marcia Gallo, Kathryn Kusic & Laura Thomas. 7:30-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 18th St betwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF.
See *Poetry in Motion* at The Red Vic Movie House, 6/22 listing has details.
Safe, Sane Consensual SM: *A Documentary*—See this new 85 min VHS movie addressing the subject of sadomasochism in a non-sensational, level-headed manner thru interviews with 16 s/m players from a variety of backgrounds. At Eros, the Center for Safe Sex. Doors open at 7:45 pm, movie starts at 8:15, followed by group discussion & social, 9:45-11 pm. $5. Tapes available for sale at showing ($45, tax included).
At Thunder Bay tonight: *Schizo, Lethal Gospel* and *Fifty Lashes*. 8 pm, $3. 1 Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.
"Regressive Country" at Freight & Salvage with *Ranch Romance* tonight. Call (510) 548-7603 for info.
Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid: Hit musical celebrating Gay SF, winner 1991 Cable Car Award Outstanding Theater, final local engagement. Plays Tues thru June at 8 pm, at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. $10 tix. Info/res: 861-7933.
FlirtAsian Dance Party with DJs Exotica & Mongrel MC. Benefit for Asian Pacifica Sisters, Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, Shamakami (South Asian Lesbians & Bisexual Women) and Trikone (Gay & Lesbian South Asian). 8 pm-2 am, $6 at the EndUp, 6th & Harrison, SF. Info: Dino 905-5752.
Hard Rock Band Benefit: Kick off Gay Pride Week at The Pit: Live hard rock with *Papa Wheelie, Something Scaley* and *Slang*. 9th & Howard, SF. Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 9. Proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund.
KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: Show produced by "Out," the acclaimed British magazine program. Four short films on various topics: *Saatchi & Saatchi* looks at the "promotion" of homosexuality in advertising, *Heavy Petting* looks at the pets of lesbians & gay men, *Crimes of Passion* examines lesbian detective books, and *Alfalfa* gives a dictionary of terms relating to gay lifestyles. 10 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.
In the Life: 1st national series on public TV showcasing lesbian & gay performance, personalities & ideas. 11:30 pm on KQED Channel 9. Host: Comic Kate Clinton. Don't miss!
KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: Sneak preview of "In the Life," an upcoming monthly series touching upon several aspects of contemporary life in the lesbian & gay community. Hosted by Kate Clinton. 11:30 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.

JUNE 24 / WED

Older Lesbians Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Bag lunches are welcome! Info: 626-7000.
Goals Support Group meets weekly. Get support/help in facing fears, dissolving barriers. Keep motivated, share resources. $50 for 4-wk sesson. Not a therapy group. Info/res: Bruce 626-2026.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force), local unit of the national lesbian/gay rights organization, meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Bookparty: Celebrate the publication of Tee Corinne's *Poetry of Sex: Lesbians Write the Erotic.* Includes reading by Corinne and contributors Stephanie Smith, Victoria Lena Manyarrows, Lilith Lynn Rogers, Natashi Lopez, Heidi Li, Coleen Carmen, SDiane Bogus, Mariah Richardson, Jayne Relaford Brown, Pat McCutcheon and Jane Futcher. 7 pm, women only. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Course in Miracles Group spons by Bay Area Career Women. Ongoing study group promotes personal & spiritual growth. 7-9 pm. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.
"Intuitive Self Discovery," free introductory lecture by Van R Ault, CHT. Intro to his summer courses in intuitive self-discovery and personal transformation. 7 pm. CMC, 2269 Market St betwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Info: 386-5878.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans host special screening of Debra Chasnoff's Academy Award-winning documentary, *Deadly Deception*. 7 pm, $3-5 donation requested. Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF.
Women's Motorcycle Contingent (WMC) Gen'l Mtg: 7 pm at the Eagle, 12th & Harrison, SF. Come help organize the women bikers who lead off the Parade. Road Captain's training immediately following mtg, at 8:30 pm.
Betsey Rose Music Project spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 7 pm. At the same time—Taize Candlelight Prayer Service in the Chapel. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.
HIV Update Town Mtg spons by Project Inform: Update Town Meetings present the latest news on HIV treatment, research & political developments, and are led by Project Inform's Executive Director, Martin Delaney. 7:30 pm, free. Public welcome. At MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 558-8669.
Tantric Sex Wkshop: Johanina Wikoff (tranformationa healer) & Stephen Sagaro Clark (therapist & men's movement leader), both directors of The Center for Passionate Living, lead a workshop in tantra, ancient practices which awaken, build & circulate erotic energy. At A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. 7:30 pm, $10. Info: 924-8970.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life." Wildly popular, moving collection of skits that ruminate on the Black Gay experience; a challenging & comic look at the struggles Black gay men face in finding their way home. Sexy, forceful, loving. Don't miss! Plays Wed-Fri, 6/24-26 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 6/26. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Mary Watkins & her chamber jazz ensemble (Paul Hanson, bassoon; India Cooke, violin; Cash Killion, cello; Peck Allmond, trumpet & sax; Ernie Mansfield, flute). Two sets, starting at 8 pm. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts with reg card. Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave, Oakl. Spons by American Jazz Theatre.
At Thunder Bay: Record release party for Hand Some Poets, also *Jimmy Looks Up* and *Eye Land*. 8 pm, $4. 1 Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.
At Rockin' Robins: *The Cosmic Freeway*. 9 & 11 pm, $3. 1840 Haight St, SF.
KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See *The Lost Language of Cranes*. This "Great Performances" presentation is a dramatic adaptation of David Leavitt's acclaimed novel. Story revolves around a father who resists confronting his own homosexuality while his son yearns for openness & honesty. Film deals with issues of love, betrayal & commitment, linked to the intricate dilemmas of family life. Airs 9 pm tonight & 10:50 pm 6/27 on KQED TV Channel 9.
At Faster Pussycat! Club: *White Trash Debutantes*. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.
KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See *Because This Is About Love*, a program on lesbian & gay marriages. 10:30 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.

JUNE 25 / THU

LYFE Program Open House & Change the World! 1992 Graduation: 5-7 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. CTW is a leadership program for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people. Event includes performances & presentations by young people. Info: LYFE/Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 565-7681.
Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group for ages 14-23 meets tonight. 6:30-7 pm drop-in for first-time visitors, 7-9 pm group time for everyone. Info/location: 457-1115 or leave message for Rainbow's End at 457-3523.
"Beyond Breaking Up," a discussion for lesbians on ending relationships and rebuilding one's life. 7 pm. For info/location call Mary Butler, MFCC; (510) 601-6445.
BACW/Sonoma Miniature Golf: Join Bay Area Career Women for their first insanity classic! 7-9 pm in the Skandia Fun Center, 5301 Redwood Drive, Rohnert Park. Reservations required by 6/15. Info: Christine (707) 996-1550.
"Greening the Global Economy & Recycling Economics," a talk by Hazel Henderson, world renowned futurist, int'l consultant on alternative development policies, and author (*Creating Alternative Futures: The End of Economics, The Politics of the Solar Age: Alternatives to Economics, Paradigms of Progress: Life Beyond Economics*). 7:30-9:30 pm, $5-15 SL fee. Part of SF Greens Greentalk lecture series. New College, 777 Valencia St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. No one turned away for lack of funds. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 255-2940.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Gay Pride Memories. Lynn leads discussion—bring something to share that represents gay pride to you, like a photo, memento, story or toy. All women welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196.
Leather Carnival/Mardi Gras Club: New membership party! 7:30 pm at 1440 Clay St, SF. Apt 15. Info: 771-0396.
New Horizons Social/Support/Volunteer Group for young adults in their twenties meets tonight & 7/2 at Marin YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo. 7:45 pm drop-in time for new members. Info: Jeff 457-3523. Topic: 6/25—Fetishes, We All Have Them. 7/2: Bi/gay Issues & religion. Info: Jeff 457-3523.
Pomo Afro Homos in "Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life," at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/24.
ETVC the TV/TS Club, presents "Rrreally Big Show Two," an end-of-the-month social/talent night for members & guests. 8 pm, bring a can of food for charity. SF location. Call (510) 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486 SF 94142 for details. ETVC is a 450-member social/support group for the transgender community.
Free Screening of the video, *Exit Interview*, a final conversation with the Rev William Barcus, the first openly gay clergyman. 8 pm at Artists' Television Access (ATA), 992 Valencia St, SF. Interview conducted by Eric Bernstein. Info: 266-8287.
Comedy Night at SFJCC with Terry Sand & the Gefilte Fish Heads. Night of laughs & fun with Ms Sand & students from her comedy improv class. Audience participation included. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 Green & tennis courts, Golden Gate Park, SF.
Mission Science Wkshop is accepting applications for its summer science program for 10-14 years olds who attend schools in the SF Mission District. Two 3-wk sessions, 6/22-7/9 and 7/13-30. Bilingual staff. For program details & application call Dan Sudran 239-3138. MSW is located at the Mission campus of City College of SF.
Summer Dance & Performing Arts Program for children at Spirit Theatre Dance Studio: Ballet, jazz, capoeira, maskmaking, drama, drumming, African dance. All children welcome! 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-3232.
La Pena Cultural Ctr celebrates their 17th anniversary with an all-day, all-night birthday party! (see Main Calendar, 6/20 for details). Event includes a special children's program with music (Gerry Tenney & Jackeline Rago's Venezuelan music ensemble), dance, face painting, food & lots of fun! 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Children's program starts at noon.
5th Annual Silver Star Pow-Wow & Indian Market, see Main Calendar, 6/19 listing for details.
At Alexander Book Co: Meet Avi, the popular children's & young adults author (*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Nothing But the Truth, Wolf Rider, The Man Who Was Poe, Romeo & Juliet—Together (And Alive) At Last*. All children, big & small, are welcome! 6/30 4:30-6:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.
"Making Waves" San Francisco Music Day: Workshop for kids and adults—"Travelon Gamelon: Turning Bicycles Into Musical Instruments." Join artist Richard Lerman as he shows how to turn bikes into percussive instruments that sound like Gamelon instruments from Indonesia. 6/20, 2 pm, free. Exploratorium, SF.

Parents & Kids Box

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group Family Day Pinic in Celebration of Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week, 6/27, 11 am-2 pm at Douglass Park in SF, corner of Douglass & Clipper. Bring food for your family & a dish to share. Call 457-1115 for more info.
Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.
Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already raising children? Is this *not* your lifestyle choice? Come meet others for discussion, mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.
"Who Says I'm Not A Mom?" Liz Hendrickson of the National Center for Lesbian Rights discusses the NCLR's increasing involvement in intra-community conflicts involving custody & property issues; and the struggle of lesbians & gay men to get legal recognition of their parenting & their families. 6/23, noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. UCSF, HSW 301, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Single moms are welcome! Eastbay & SF mtgs. Call Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711 for info.
Lesbians With Babies Group forming in San Francisco. Call Paula 206-1170 for details.
Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Fri nights from dusk to 11 pm for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies & more thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope, and on Sat mornings from 10 am-noon for solar viewing thru a 6-inch refractor telescope. Free. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway around the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.
Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.
Children's Storytime at Book Passage: For kids ages 4-7. Anita Jones tells wonderful tales from many lands. Every Sun, 11 am-noon. 6/21: "We Love Dad," A Father's Day program of stories & poems that honor fathers. 51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera. Info: 927-0960.
Summer Classes for Kids at the Randall Museum: Exciting schedule of classes for youth & teens. Art classes include "Japanese Paper Dolls," "Animals, Art & Fantasy," and "Handmade Paper." Animal and science classes include "Predators in SF," a popular class for younger kids (ages 6-8) and "Electric Cars & Gizmos," (ages 11-14). Teen classes include "Totally Cool Drawing," and "Dishing It Out," (ceramics). Also many classes offered in Native American & Shamanic traditions, open to both children & adults; plus parent/child classes for the 3-5 age group. Prices range from $8-29. For full schedule & details call 554-9600. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by SF Recreation & Park Dept.
Sharon Art Studio offers a variety of classes for kids, youth & adults: Glass, beading, Indian beading, ceramics, drawing, life drawing, watercolor, jewelry & more. Reasonable fees, scholarships available. Call 753-7006 for info. Located next to the Carousel in Children's Playground, near Bowling

California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Leather/Radical Sex SEXART Salon hosted by SF photographer/writer Mark I Chester. Writers/performers from SF's gay, lesbian & heterosexual leather & radical sex communities read work that hits the crossroads between radical sexuality & creativity. Participants include: Dorothy Allison, Pat Califia, Joseph Bean, Paul Reed, Lily Braindrop, Carol Queen, Jack Davis & Wayne Corbitt. 8 pm, $10 gen'l admission, $15 reserved seats. Proceeds benefit the publication of a book of photographs by Mark I Chester. Event to be documented on video. Open to women & men of all sexualities. 848 Divisadero St nr McAllister, SF. Info: 544-1136.
The Color of Funny: A Multicultural Comedy Competition at Ohana Cultural Center: 2nd annual showcase of Bay Area stand-up comics. Show features Ngaio Bealum, Scott Capurro and Shyama. 8:30 pm, $8-10 donation. Adv reg suggested. Info/res: (510) 658-1868. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
At the I-Beam: *Earl Zero* and *Fenton & the Elevation Band*. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF.
At Rockin' Robins: *Serious George* and *Voodoo Army*. 1840 Haight St, SF. 9 & 11 pm, $3.
Club nZinga at El Rio: World Beat dance party to celebrate Gay Pride! With DJ Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JUNE 26 / FRI

At A Different Light Bookstore: Lev Raphael reads from his collection of short stories, *Dancing On Tisha B'Av*. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
"Stompin' at the Savoy South of Market," spons by Ms International Leather, a benefit for the first African American Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Conference. Hot night of fun with The Salt & Pepper Rompers, soul singer Mr D, sexpert Midgett & hot, erotic, hilarious Teri, "the stripper with the zipper"; also sizzlin' strippin' by the Black Stallion. 8-11 pm at the SF Eagle, 398 12th St (at Harrison), SF. $7-10 donation. Info: Midgett 648-3658.
Sweet 16 Anniversary Party: Join Girth & Mirth Club of SF, the club for chubby gay men & their admirers, as they celebrate 16 years of fun! 8 pm, $10. 176-B Page St, SF. Info: 824-0260.
14th Annual Pride Concert: A lesbian/gay musical celebration with the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF and guest artists: Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Chorus, Golden Gate Men's Chorus, SF Winds of Freedom Band, Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus, Vocal Minority and VOICES: Bay Area Lesbian Chorale Ensemble. 8 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. First Congregational Church, Post at Mason, SF. Info/res: 861-7067. Tix available at SF Headlines stores and Mama Bears in Berkeley.
Women's Music & Comedy Night at La Pena to kick-off Gay Pride Wkend. Lineup: Monica Grant & Teresa Chandler, with pianist Tracy Stark, drummer Janet Lampert, bassist Mary Burnley & vocalist Mahala Burns. 8 pm, $7-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 849-2572.
Nat'l Ctr for Lesbian Rights: 15th anniversary celebration with special guests filmmaker Debra Chasnoff, playwright/author Cherrie Moraga and emcee Maria Cora. Music by *Altazor*. 8 pm. Also film screening of *Choosing Children*, groundbreaking film about lesbian families by Debra Chasnoff, shown at 7 pm. Tix $15 & $25. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-0674.
"Hoedown: A Country/Western Dance," an evening of two-stepping with Foggy City Dancers at St Paulus Church Hall, Gough at Eddy St, SF. Kickoff fundraising event in preparation for "Pink Triangles in Red Square: A Journey to Russia in 1993." $6 at door.
BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) at ACT Playhouse, see 6/19.
Abortion Clinic Defense Benefit: Dance party raises funds to benefit the National Women's Rights Organizing Coalition (NWROC), the militant clinic defense & women's rights group that played a decisive role in keeping abortion clinics open in Buffalo. After suffering a major defeat there, Operation Rescue is now mobilizing to shut down abortion clinics in Baton Rouge, LA, from 7/6-11. Come to tonight's event and help put OR out of business there, too. You'll also have a great time partying with *Spoke Poker, Gift Horse* and *Malibu Barbie*. 8 pm, $5 cover, $10 suggested. Brave New World, 1751 Fulton St at Masonic, SF. Info: Joyce 267-3067.
14th Annual Pride Concert: A lesbian/gay musical celebration featuring the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, with guest artists: Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Chorus, Golden Gate Men's Chorus, SF Winds of Freedom Band, Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus, Vocal Minority and VOICES: Bay Area Lesbian Chorale Ensemble. 8 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. First Congregational Church, Post at Mason, SF. Info/res: 861-7067.

Judith Kate Friedman's "Count Me In" premieres at the Frameline festival on June 22 & 27. See Calendar for details.

Second Wind in concert at Mama Bears: 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.
Birthday Party at Trax for Rita Rockett, Mark Abramson & Al Parker, with *The Fabulous Velcros*, the equally fabulous Gail Wilson, and special guest Michael Greer. 8 pm. 1437 Haight St, SF. Proceeds benefit Rita Rockett's Sunday Brunches for AIDS Ward 5A at SF General Hospital.
Pixelvision Video Show spons by ATA (Artists Television Access): Adventurous videomakers adapt the Fisher-Price PXL 2000 Camcorder to produce dreamy, sometimes muddled but always identifiable images. 8:30 pm, $4. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Harbor Lights Cruise: Theatre Rhino's annual Gay Pride Week celebration/fundraiser. Come cruise the Bay, 9 pm-midnight! Enclosed deck for DJ dancing, enclosed deck with light hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar, cabaret-style seating & and open viewing deck. Ship departs from SF's Pier 39. Tix $50 and they're limited, so make your reservations ASAP! Info: Theatre Rhinoceros 861-5079.
Empire Ballroom Mega Party at the Warfield Theatre: Fundraiser for the Stop AIDS Project. 9 pm-the wee hours of the morning; show begins promptly at midnight. Entertainment with the Wigstock Experience, featuring NY superstars Lady Bunny, Jo-Jo Field, Loretta Hogg & Ms Guy; SF's hot gender benders Pussy Tourette, Enrique & Richie Rich; the men of Falcon Studios—Chuck Hunter & Alec Campbell; plus DJs Doc Martin, Larry T & Pete Avila. Valet parking. Tix $15 adv, available at All American Boy, Undercover & Colossus (back door). Info: 978-9448.
KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See *Radio Craze*, program featuring the Seattle Gay Men's Chorus in a recreation of a 1940s radio broadcast. Chorus performs the music of Glenn Miller, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Spike Jones & others. 9 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.
Club Dekadence hosts "another dirty little affair" to benefit Project Open Hand: Exhibit of 30 of their all-time best flyers, mounted & framed, for viewing & sale. Also live erotic performance. So come & have a look—don't forget your checkbook! Admission fee $6 before 11 pm, $7 after. For info/location call 541-5019.
D'Cuckoo perform neo-classical, post-industrial, world-funk at the DNA Lounge, 375 11th St off Harrison, SF. 10 pm.

JUNE 27 / SAT

KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See *Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age*, a film featuring the late SF actor/director Chuck Solomon, founder of Theatre Rhinoceros, in a reflection on his life as a gay man, and a celebration of his life & career in the theater. 1 am, KQED TV Channel 9.
"Living Democracy in a Media Age," a Chautauqua event advocating citizen empowerment & making democracy work for the common good. Conference emphasizes the arts of democracy & media literacy, includes forums on jobs, education, healthcare, environmental protection, homelessness & more. Featured speakers include Frances Moore Lappe, Paul Martin DuBois & Elizabeth Thoman. 9 am-5:30 pm, McKenna Theatre, Creative Arts Bldg, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Reg fee: $10, scholarships available. Info/res: (510) 526-3736. Spons by Californians in Dialogue for the Common Good and SF State University's Global Peace Studies Program.
Skyline Gate/Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave Exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go East (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd, continue 3.1 miles to parking lot. Gentle, rolling hills. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
Lesbian/Gay Parents Group spons by Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns hosts a Family Day Picnic in celebration of Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week. 11 am-2 pm at Douglas Park, corner of Douglas & Clipper, SF. Bring food for your family & a dish to share. Info: 457-1115.
Top-Free Picnic spons by the X-Plicit Players: "We hereby undress with the East Coast Topfree Ten... because it's best to be fully seen, not as sexual symbols but as equal people legally, inwardly, rightfully & topfree... just happily being ourselves." Picnic begins at 11 am, games at 1 pm, performances at 3 pm. Martin Luther King Jr Park, Center St & MLK Jr Way (2 blocks west of Berkeley BART Station). Info: (510) 540-0907.
1992 LA Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration: Annual Parade & two-day festival, spons by Christopher Street West. This year's Parade features grand marshals Elizabeth Montgomery & Dick Sargent (from TV's "Bewitched" series). Festival at West Hollywood Park, noon-midnight on 6/27, 11 am-11 pm on 6/28. Parade Sunday at 11 am (check-in by 10:30 am), beginning at Santa Monica Blvd btwn Crescent Heights & Robertson. Info: (310) 659-7200.
"Men in Recovery: Stories of Courage & Inspiration," wkshop/lecture for men, faciliated by George Taylor, MFCC, men's program coordinator for Echo Rock Therapy Center in Mill Valley. George offers an educational afternoon focused on critical issues facing men & society as a whole—why men die younger than women, addictive behavior in men, family & cultural violence. Wkshop also gives men an opportunity to share stories of recovery & discuss special challenges & opportunities in recovery. Wkshop for men only. 1-4 pm, $5 at A New Leaf, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.
Golden Gate Connection: Social club for heavyset gay men & their admirers, celebrates Gay Pride with a Finger Food Potluck, 5-11 pm at Wawona Lodge, 20th & Wawona, SF. $5 with a dish, $10 without. Plus Convergence '92 raffle, door prizes & bingo—don't miss! Info/directions: Bobbi (415) 871-7870 or Arlen (510) 233-6503.
BABN Buffet Dance & Dinner: Join Bay Area Bisexual Network for a night of food & fun before the Parade. 6 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. City Forest Facility, 254 Laguna Honda Blvd (Forest Hill MUNI Metro Station), SF. Info: Lani 821-3534.
"Looking for love in all the wrong places" is the topic for tonight's BWMT(Black & White Men Together) Rap/Social. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7. Everyone welcome! Refreshments served. Donation suggested. 1350 Waller St, nr Haight & Masonic, SF.
"We're Here, We're Queer, We're Funny," Gay Comedy Extravaganza at the Great American Music Hall with Tom Ammiano, Maureen Brownsey, Scott Capurro, Lisa Geduldig, Love Like This (Asian AIDS Project), Marga Gomez, Monica Palacios, Marilyn Pittman, Karen Ripley & Karen Williams. Two shows! 7 & 9:30 pm, $13. Part of proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. See you there! Info: 885-0750.
BATS (Bay Area Theatresports) at ACT Playhouse, see 6/19.
Llona Boyd, "First Lady of the Guitar," in a rare SF concert at Herbst Theater. This Canadian artist is a 4-time winner of the *Guitar Player Magazine* "top classical guitarist" award. 8 pm. Tix $19.50-$25.50. Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix at BASS. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.
Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration at Mama Bears with Judy Fjell & Crystal Reeves. Judy & Crystal celebrate 21 years of Judy's lesbian herstory with an eve of women's music going back to the early '70s. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.
KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: See *Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit*. Film based on Jeanette Winterson's award-winning novel, the story of a young woman raised by an iron-fisted, fundamentalist mother, who finds the courage to come out as a lesbian. 8 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.
The Michael Greer Show: Cabaret artist/comic Michael Greer brings his popular show, a racy & wildly irreverent series of comic routines including "Billy Holiday Sings the Beatles," "VCR Sex" and many others, at Josie's Cabaret. 8 & 10 pm tonight, 8 pm on 6/28. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. Tix $10.
All-Improv Comedy Revue by Metropolis. A night of unique characters, scenes and songs. 8:30 pm, $8. Marina Music Hall, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, 2nd floor, SF. Info/res: 563-2496.
"Say, Didn't You Used to be ATA?" They still are. Artists Television Access observes 5 years at 992 Valencia St with a retrospective of video art, including a rare presentation of the very first episode of ATA's cable show, and film & video works by former staff and longtime friends. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. Info: 824-3890.
At Rockin' Robins: *Undercover Ska*. 9 & 11 pm, $3. 1840 Haight St, SF.
Spirit Theatre Dance Studio Dance Extravaganza: West African dance, capoeira demo & belly dance performance. 9 pm at 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. Also find out about ongoing classes in capoeira, drumming, funk aerobics, Haitian, theatre improv & more. Info: (510) 849-3232.
Gay Freedom Celebration Dance with Linda Tillery and her Motown Band. 9 pm at the Omni 4799 Shattuck Ave nr Telegraph. Tix $14 adv, $16 at door. Secured parking available. Wheelchair Accessible. Sign interpretation provided by Susan Freundlich. Info: (510) 835-1445.
At the I-Beam: *MCM & the Monster, Jackson Saints* and *Maximum Jizz*. 9 pm, $7. 1748 Haight St, SF.
Pre-Parade Party at Colossus with Ryan Idol live! 9:30 pm-9:30 am, free admission to the first 25! info: 431-BOYS. 1015 Folsom St at 6th, SF.
Queer Rock at the Elbo Room: A Gay Freedom Day celebration with Glen Meadmore, Pansy Division and *Carpenteria*. 10 pm, $5. 647 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Trunk, Wig Torture* and *Tux County*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JUNE 28 / SUN

Senior Cable Car spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) leaves at 9:15 am for the Parade! Followed by post-parade lunch in the GLOE yard. Info: 626-7000.
March in the Parade with Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns: Call 457-1115 for details.
Fat Dykes Float: All fat dykes & our allies are welcome to join the LIAHO (Let It All Hang Out) contingent in the SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade. For more info call (510) 658-3300.
Freedom Day Service at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF: 7 pm service. Rev Jim Mitulski preaches on "Transforming Christianity." MCC-SF choir is joined by the choirs of 5 other northern California MCCs for a celebration of Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434. All welcome!
March with Bay Area Bisexual Network/BiPol contingent in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade! Meet 9:30 am at the corner of Mission/Main (Embarcadero Muni/BART Station).

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Post-Parade Open House for chubby gay men & their admirers, spons by Girth & Mirth Club of SF. 4-8 pm at 1/76-B Page St, SF. Join us at the Parade and look for our booth at the Celebration!

1992 LA Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration: See 6/27 listing for details.

Free Weenie Roast for gay & lesbian homeless on Gay Day: 4-6 pm. Gay Community Services of SF, 585 Grove St, SF (3 blocks west of City Hall). Info: 431-4466.

Free Tai Chi Class at Spirit Theatre Dance Studio, 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. 9 am. Info: (510) 849-3232.

CELEBRATE! "Pride = Power," the 23rd annual SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration: Colorful floats, marching bands, local dignitaries, hundreds of thousands of proud lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & other people join in Northern California's largest annual event. Everyone welcome! Parade starts at 11 am at the Ferry Bldg at the beginning of Market Street, travels southwest along Market to Civic Center Plaza. Parade followed by all-day celebration in Civic Center Plaza with a variety entertainment, games, booths and refreshments. For details call 864-FREE.

Men Pleasuring Men: Explorations in Touch at Eros, Center for Safe Sex, see 6/21 listing for details.

Sunday BBQ at Thunder Bay with *Horton Heard, Offbeats, Screaming ID* and *Fussbudgets* 3 pm, no cover. 1 Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park) Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Grupo Sinigual. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.*

Gay Pride Celebration Dance spons by Living Sober, a conference for people in recovery from alcohol. A clean and sober fundraiser, $15-$8 SL donation. 4-8 pm in the Green Room, SF War Memorial, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. AA meeting 3-4 pm (signed for the deaf community). Spons by the SF gay & lesbian fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Wheelchair Accessible. Childcare provided.

Author Anne McCaffrey comes all the way from Ireland to Dark Carnival Bookstore to sign copies of *Damia,* her new sequel to the bestselling novel, *The Rowan*. 4-5 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757 or (510) THE-DARK.

Faster Pussycat! Gay Day Celebration with DJ Downtown Donna and guest DJs. Fun starts at 5 pm. $2 off with motorcycle license. Cool cats of all persuasions are welcome! 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous) meets 6-7:30 pm at SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. This monthly mtg for Jews in recovery from addiction, and their significant others, focuses on recovery in the context of Jewish perspectives. Co-spons by Jewish Emergency Assistance Network. Info: Claire Silver, 346-6040 ext 240.

Lesbian Uprising! Political Group Mtg: Tonight's discussion centers around the personal & political implications of never being "het." 7 pm. Info/location: 621-0790.

The Michael Greer Show at Josie's Cabaret—final performance! See 6/27 listing for details.

JUNE 29 / MON

At Alexander Book Co: Christi Killien & Sheila Bender, co-authors of *Writing in a Convertible with the Top Down,* discuss solutions to the most common creative problems faced by writers. 12:15-1 pm, free. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Author Paul Monette signs copies of his new memoir, *Becoming A Man: Half A Life Story*. 7:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Mark Davis. 8 pm, $10. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

FISH Comedy Sketch Theater at El Rio: Night of laughs with Ron Lynch, Barry Lank & Jim Earl, Carrie Collier, Andrea Lee, Don Perazzo, Bill Burnat, Tim Ostrander, Ebby Parker & Gary Hobish. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JUNE 30 / TUE

At Alexander Book Co: Popular children's and young adult author Avi gives a special reading, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

BACW/Sonoma Gen'l Mtg: Join Bay Area Career Women for a 6 pm social, followed by 6:30 pm mtg. Info/directions: Louise (707) 523-8176.

Lesbian/gay/bisexual youth theater performance & reading: Produced by participants of the Write On! Act Out! theater writing class taught by Chicana lesbian playwright Cherrie Moraga. 7 pm, donation requested. 2180 Bryant St, SF. Spons by Brava! For Women & the Arts and the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Info: 565-7681.

Gay Men's Sketch/Folsom: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by bodybuilder & bare chest calendar winner Jim Rueth. 7 pm, $12. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Author Julia Alvarez reads from her acclaimed novel, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents,* just released in paperback. 7:30 pm, free at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Manifestation: Getting What You Want & Need: Class taught by Lourdes Billingsley, MA. Empower yourself, discover how easy it is to bring your goals & dreams into your life. Thru lively interaction, participants learn to utilize specific techniques that release blocks preventing attainment of goals. 7:30 pm, $10. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Author Julia Alvarez reads from her novel (just released in paperback), *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents;* the story of a prominent family who flees the Dominican Republic after a failed coup d'etat. An examination of the fracturing effects of assimilation, and the deep roots of culture. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Thunder Bay tonight: *Urban Voodoo* and *Switchblade Symphony*. 8 pm, $4. 1 Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid: Final SF performance of this hit musical, winner 1991 Cable Car Award for Outstanding Theater. Taking place in the thoughts of four men waiting for their HIV-test results the show is ultimately a celebration of Gay SF. 8 pm, $10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

KQED Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Programming: "Out," the acclaimed British newsmagazine show on lesbian/gay issues, produced *Immigration/Khush/ The Battle of Tuntenhaus. Immigration* looks at Britain's discrminatory immigration laws thru the case histories of several lesbian & gay couples; *Khush* looks at the lives of South Asian lesbians & gay men living in Britain, North America & India; *The Battle of Tuntenhaus* looks at the lives of gay squatters in East Berlin prior to reunification, and their conflicts with neo-Nazis & the police. 10 pm, KQED TV Channel 9.

JULY 1 / WED

Heart of Relating: Register now for this 7/10-12 workshop, a communication course that links love with power. Move from co-dependence to mutual empowerment. Learn to express fear, anger & criticism with love; create more of what you want, not less. Info/res: LoveWorks, Inc., 572-1999.

Writers Wkshop at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Authors Christi Killien & Sheila Bender discuss their book, *Writing in a Convertible With the Top Down: A Unique Guide for Writers,* and offer inspiration & creative solutions for writers of all levels. 7:30 pm, free. Public welcome! Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Intro HIV Town Meeting: Project Inform, nonprofit HIV & AIDS treatment information, advocacy & research organization, holds its regular Introductory Town Meeting tonight at 7:30 pm. 2-hr mtg provides an overview of HIV disease, immune monitoring tests & treatment strategy. Facilitated by Project Inform volunteers. Free. Public welcome. Info: 558-8669. At MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

At Thunder Bay tonight: *Meices* and *Cylinder*. 8 pm, $4. 1 Bolivar Drive at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis return to Josie's Cabaret after a raucous sell-out run in April. Don't miss 'em this time around—show runs Wed-Sun, 7/1-5 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 7/3. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JULY 2 / THU

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets for a BBQ Potluck at 6:30 pm at Whisman School Park on Easy Street in Mountain View. Bring something to BBQ & something to share. For directions & other info call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women are welcome!

BBQ Potluck with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. 6:30 pm at Whisman School Park on Easy Street in Mountain View. Bring something to BBQ & something to share. For info call Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 723-4196. All women welcome!

New Horizons group for young adults in their twenties meets tonight, see 6/25 listing for details.

Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 7/1 listing for details.

ON STAGE

Making a Name for Ourselves a new work by Actors Anonymous at Asian American Theater Center's Second Stage. An irreverent & frighteningly hilarious work designed to subvert the commonly accepted & endlessly perpetuated cultural "norms." Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, thru 6/21. Asian American Theater Ctr, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

The Hour of the Lynx by Per Olav Enquist. Drama explores the mind of an incarcerated young man who is the pawn between an institutional psychologist and a pastor. North Beach Repertory Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, $12, with Sat matinees at 2 pm, $10; thru 6/20. North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery (3rd floor), 2801 Leavenworth, SF. Info/res: 928-4860.

Whatever Happened to BB Jane? Musical stage spoof of the Bette Davis/Joan Crawford classic. Showcases a multitude of dead celebrities, living legends, lush costumes & more wigs than a Woolworth's sale. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Thru 6/27. Victoria Theater, 2961 16th St, SF. Tix $13 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 863-7576.

79th Mountain Play presents **Oklahoma!** by Rodgers & Hammerstein for its 79th season. Runs every Sun thru 6/28. All performances at 1 pm in Mt Tamalpais State Park in Marin County. Tix $15.50 gen'l, $10.50 youths & srs. Info/res: 383-1100.

The Magical Adventures of Pretty Pearl by Kim Hines, adapted from the novel by Virginia Hamilton. Story of a child god who descends from Mt Kenya to live among a group of forest-dwelling ex-slaves in the post-Civil War American South. Oakland Ensemble production. Runs Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm; thru 6/21. Tix $18 orchestra, $15 Fri & Sat eve, $16 orchestra & $15 balcony matinees & Sun eves. Kids 5-12 $9, except opening night. $2 discount for srs & stdnts. Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St at 9th, downtown Oakland. Info: (510) 444-8575.

Otherwise Engaged by Simon Gray. Gray's funny, disturbing tale of a London publisher whose plans for a private, leisurely day are marred by a series of interruptions drawing him into a whirlpool of accusations, confusions & recriminations. Chamber Theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 6/27. SOMAR Theater, 934 Brannan at 9th, SF. Info/res: 552-2131.

The Tower by Henry Steele. Part of "The Herodiadne" triology. Three-person play concerns what happens when Ariadne, weary of her lamentable plight, wills herself into another mythological dimension, the Judeo-Christian, and becomes Herodias, mother of Salome. Hangman Theatrics & Climate Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 6/21. Tix $8-10. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

The Convict's Return by Geoff Hoyle. Hoyle, former acclaimed clown with Pickle Family Circus, tells the story of his 1989 experiences seeking fame & fortune in New York City. Runs thru 7/5, part of Berkeley Rep Theatre's Parallel Season productions. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St at Geary, SF. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, added matinee at 2 pm on 6/20. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS. Tix $10-25.

Lost in Yonkers by Neil Simon. Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning play revolves around the Old World values of Grandma Kurnitz and the childlike antics of her adult daughter Bella. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat mainees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 6/28 at Curran Theatre, SF. Tix $12-42. Info/res: (510) 762-BASS.

Beach Blanket Babylon, long-running, zany musical revue continues with an all-new cast. Runs Wed & Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8 & 10:30 pm, Sun at 3 & 7:30 pm. Tix $17-40. Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Info/res: 421-4222.

Naked Women, performance artist Diviana Ingravallo's new work, a provocative journey thru the female mind, body & spirit; multimedia performance of ancient goddesses revealed thru modern-day sex workers. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 6/27. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

"Weill on Broadway," night of song by critically acclaimed soprano Angelina Reaux, 6/18-21 at 8 pm at Life on the Water Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

Woody Guthrie's American Song conceived & adapted by Peter Glazer from the words & music of Woody Guthrie. Co-produced by Berkeley Rep Theatre & San Jose Rep Theatre.

Lamplighters Music Theatre presents "My Fair Lady" in celebration of its 40th anniversary, June 20-Aug 2. OnStage has info.

Photo by Shane MacKay

"Soblonski" at Golden Gate YMCA, thru July 13. Check OnStage for details.

Previews 6/19-21, opens 6/24, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, with addt'l alternate matinees Thurs & Sat. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison Street, Berkeley. Tix $18-29. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Cross-Dressing in the Depression by Erin Cressida Wilson. A nostalgic tale of adolescent discovery. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 7/19. Tix $14 previews, $17-21 regular performances, $12 stdnts & srs. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

A Name You Never Got by Ronda Slater. Touching, funny, one-woman play about Slater's reunion with the daughter she gave up for adoption. Runs Fri & Sat at 7:30 pm, 6/19-20, 6/26-27; 7/10-11 & 7/17-18 at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $15. Info/res: (510) 654-5264.

Pocket Opera Productions: 6/28 at 3 pm, Teseo by George Frederic Handel, 6/21 at 3 pm. English versions by Donald Pippin. On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway, SF. Tix $18, $8 stdnts. Info/res: 989-1855.

XXX Love Act by Cintra Wilson. Loosely based on the rise & fall of skin flick kings Jim & Artie Mitchell. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 6/27. Tix $17-21 regular, $12 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 441-8822.

Jeeves Takes Charge Edward Duke returns to the Marines Memorial Theatre with his internationally acclaimed one-man show, a comedic tour-de-force. Thru 6/28. For showtimes, tix & other info call 771-6900.

At Home in Hades, a dance dramatization of the descent to the underworld, using the Greek myths of Persephone and Orpheus. Theatre Pomegranate & Dance Current production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, 6/26-7/11 at Theatre Pomegranate, 495 Clementina, btwn 5th & 6ths Sts, Folsom & Howard, SF. Tix $4-8 SL fee. Info/res: 512-7965.

The Bologna Medea, an ancient Greek travesty. Fratelli Bologna's madcap version of the classic tale of betrayal and revenge. The Bologna Medea remains faithful to the rich classical themes of sexual politics, rejection, alienation and revenge. Previews 7/8 & 9 at 8 pm, opens 7/10 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, thru 7/26. Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix: $8 preview, $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun matinee, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 392-4400.

Soblonski by Ken Prestininzi. Macabre comedy explores patriarchy & picket fences, the Pentagon & the Pentecost. The death & mysterious resurrection of General Henry Soblonski lead to family crisis & government high jinks in this farcical look at religious & military authority seen thru the eyes of an American family. Z Collective production. Runs Fri-Mon at 8 pm thru 7/13. Central YMCA, 121 Leavenworth at Golden Gate Ave, SF. $10 suggested donation, no one turned away due to lack of funds. Info/res: 543-9505.

Paul Dresher Ensemble present **Slow Fire** with Rinde Eckert, 6/19 & 20; and **The Gardening of Thomas D.** by Rinde Eckert, 6/25-28. Both performances at 8:30 pm, Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Tix info & res: 392-4400.

Totoy's Travels by Asian AIDS Project's Love Like This Theater. New one-act play dealing with HIV, identity & sexuality in the age of HIV. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Fri-Sun, 6/19-21. 8:30 pm on 6/19 & 20, 7:30 pm on 6/21. Tix $5. Info/res: 227-0946.

Berlin Angels, text & libretto by Nelson Gray. The Greek myth of Orpheus & Eurydice is hurled into a collison with the rise of the Third Reich & the resulting Holocaust. A Jumpstart production. 6/24 grand opening and AIDS benefit (call the Shanti Project, 979-4962 for tix info); play runs 6/25 & 28, $14, 6/26 & 27, $16. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

Father-Land by Jeff Raz & Jael Weisman. Solo show incorporating Jeff Raz' talents as clown, acrobat, juggler & comic. Tale explores the relationship between father & son, between past & present. Previews 6/20, opens 6/21, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 7/5. Julia Morgan Theater, 2642 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

Prelude To A Kiss by Craig Lucas. Lucas' highly acclaimed play transforms a classic romantic fairy tale into a powerful evocation of sex, death & compassion. TheatreWorks production. Previews 6/18 & 19 at 8 pm, runs Tues at 7:30 pm, Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun 6/21 & 7/5 at 7 pm, Sun 6/18 & 7/12 at 2 pm; closes 7/12. TheatreWorks, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Castro & Mercy Sts, Mountain View. Tix: $12-$22. For info/res: 329-2623.

My Fair Lady, Lamplighters Music Theatre celebrates its 40th anniversary with its most ambitious project to date. Opens Sat 6/20. Plays Fri and Sat at 8:30, Sun at 2:30 thru 8/2 at Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk, SF. All tix $23. For info call 752-7755 after noon.

GALLERIES

Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance (GLAA) Spring Group Show: 20 artists in various media exhibit their work at the Bayfront Gallery, Herbst Pavilion, Ft Mason Ctr (Marina Blvd & Buchanan), SF. Exhibit runs Wed & Thurs, 7-11 pm, Fri-Sun, 3-11 pm thru 6/27.

On Exhibit at the de Young: "A Collection Rediscovered: European Tapestries," thru 6/21. Photographs by Paul Strand on exhibit thru 8/16. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 863-3330.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Typologies: Nine Contemporary Photographers," work by Bernd & Hilla Becher, Lynne Cohen, Judy Fiskin, Candida Hofer, Roger Mertin, Thomas Ruff, Edward Ruscha & Thomas Struth, on exhibit 6/25-8/23. "Angels: Bruce Conner, 1973-1975," 24 photograms from Conner's Angel series on exhibit thru 7/5. "Jackson Pollock: Psychoanalytic Drawings," on exhibit 7/2-8/30; 40 works drawn from a total of 83 drawings Pollock submitted to his analyst during psychotherapy sessions between 1939-1940. "Robert Rauschenberg: the Early 1950s," thru 8/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Art Lick Gallery: Black & White Portraits by Jessica Tanzer, thru 7/5. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-6 pm; Mon & Tues by appt. Info: 621-5131.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Legacy of Boris Deutsch: A Centennial Exhibition," paintings & mural sketches by this 1930s-40s Calif artist. Thru 9/20. "Remembrance," mixed media installation by Lisa Kokin; recollection of the Holocaust. Thru 7/19. "Survivors," ceramic sculpture by Andree Thompson Singer. Ceramic figures & ceramic-and-brick "chimneys" commemorate the Holocaust. Thru 9/20. "Images," calligraphic art conveying a spiritual quest, by Edna Miron-Wapner. 7/19-9/20. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Emmet Gowin: Photographs," exhibit of over 120 photos on exhibit thru 7/12. "Fauna: Specious Origins," a photo-conceptual exhibit by Catalan artists Joan Fontcuberta & Pere Formiguera; thru 7/12. "Ansel Adams & the National Parks," exhibit of Adams' legendary photos made in American nat'l parks & monuments, thru 9/6. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Visions of the Floating World: the Cartoon Art of Japan," thru 9/5. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

Stamp Art Gallery: "Rubber Grace," stamp art postcards, on exhibit thru 6/27. 466 8th St, SF. Info: 252-5975.

Circle Gallery: 900 N. Point, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 11 am-7 pm; Fri-Sat 10 am-9 pm; Sun 10 am-6 pm.

Circle Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 140 Maiden Lane (Union Square), SF. Info: 989-2100.

Soft Touch Gallery: Works on paper by Suzy Sansom, on exhibit thru 6/30. 1580 Haight St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. Info: 863-3279.

New Langton Arts: "Once Removed," works by Perry Bard, Sharon Garbe & Rita McBride, addressing issues of labor, economics & class; thru 6/20. The 4th Annual Watkins Award Exhibit features work by Linda Darling, Lillian Mulero & Beverly Semmes, 6/30-7/25. Artist's reception 6/30, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Nelson Morales Gallery: 140 Geary St #301, SF. Hrs: Tues, Thurs & Sat, noon-6 pm, Wed 10 am-2 pm, or by appt. Info: 255-1432.

Vision Gallery: 1155 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 9 am-6 pm. Info: 621-2107.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Pond Farm," pottery works by Marguerite Wildenhain, Gordon Herr, Jane Herr & Franz Wildenhain; on exhibit thru 6/28. "Julia Morgan: Architecture Rendered Beautiful," photos & original polychrome & black & white sketches of the architect's work, thru 6/28. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: Paintings by Philippine-born artist Manuel Ocampo in the Gallery 2, thru 6/21. "Mikhail O Dlugach: Cinema Posters of the Russian Avant-garde," 26 film posters from the 1920s-1930s, on exhibit thru 10/11 in the Theater Gallery. In Gallery 1, "Rubashov's House," a constructed reflection by Jill Lahn Stoner on the image of solitary confinement; thru 6/28. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Richmond Art Center: "Five Solo Exhibits," works in various media by Christina Emmanuel, Sarah Grew, Pamela Robinson, Matthew Thomas & Brian Tripp. Thru 7/12. Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

SF Camerawork: "Photographic Book Art in the United States," comprehensive survey of contemporary book art. Thru 7/11. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Admission free. Info: 621-1001.

SF Arts Commission Gallery: "The Archeology of Intention," a temporary outdoor installation by Bernie Lubell; on exhibit thru 6/19. Works by 5 Bay Area painters: Kent Bond, Long Nguyen, Frances McCormack, Leslie Straw & Wendy Sussman on exhibit 6/26-8/7. Reception 6/25, 5-7 pm, gallery talk by artists 7/16, 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Tues-Fri, 11 am-8 pm Thurs, noon-5 pm Sat. Info: 554-9682.

The Jewish Museum: 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Tues-Fri & Sun. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: "Will Work for Food," mixed media installations by James Anderson. On exhibit thru 7/4. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: 1408 Mission St, off E, San Rafael. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Tues-Fri, 10 am-9 pm Thurs, 10 am-1 pm Sat. Info: 485-3328.

"Artworks from Third World America," on exhibit at La Pena Cultural Center, thru 6/19. Co-spons by Taller Sin Fronteras and Koncepts Cultural Gallery. Features 25 artists from the Bay Area & NYC. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 814-8054 or (510) 451-5231.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Hate Crimes," exhibit of series of large panel oil paintings by Gary Epting, depicting hatred & abuse in witnessed & reported events. Thru 7/18. Artist's talk: 6/27 at 1 pm. 461 9th St, SF. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Art Rock Gallery: "Bob Marley: An Exhibition," photos, artwork & graphics celebrating the life of Jamaican musician, prophet & visionary Bob Marley. Thru 7/11. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm daily. 1153 Mission St, SF. Info: 255-7390.

"Inner Passages to Flight," exhibit of recent linocut prints by Amana J Johnson at Brick Hut Cafe. Thru 6/27. 3222 Adeline, Berkeley.

2nd Visual Artists Exhibit & Performing Arts Show of Latino/Latina Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Artists, thru 6/30 at the Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St near 24th, SF. A Mission District celebration of Gay Pride Month. Call 647-7655 for details.

New Photos by Stephen Savage on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret, thru 6/30. 3583 16th St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm on wkends. Info: 861-7933.

deFORMATION transFORMATION, a mixed media exhibit by Flo Wong & Hilda Shum at Capp Street Project. Thru 6/27. 270 14th St, SF. Info: 626-7747.

NY Artist Mel Chin creates a new work on racial violence. Physically & psychologically interactive installation, on exhibit thru 6/27. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF.

Alliance Francaise de SF: "Views of SF & Other Inventions," paintings & drawings by Henry Bridges, on exhibit thru 6/30. 1345 Bush St, SF. Info: 775-7755.

Paintings & sculpture by Grace Lin on exhibit thru August at World Institute on Disability, 5010 16th St, Oakland, Ste 100. Info: (510) 763-4100 voice/TDD.

The Shape of Change, a collaborative multimedia installation by David Cerny, Martina Reidlbauchova, Fana Svoboda, Margita Titlova, Filip Turek & others. Thru 7/2. Southern Exposure Gallery, 401 Alabama St at 17th, SF. Info: 863-2141.

"Escape from the Psycho Roommates from Hell," stained glass exhibit by Ken Scott. Thru June. Kahala Stained Glass, 151 Potrero Ave, SF. Info:

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"On a Queer Day You Can See Forever," gay photo exhibit at the Eye Gallery. See Galleries for details.

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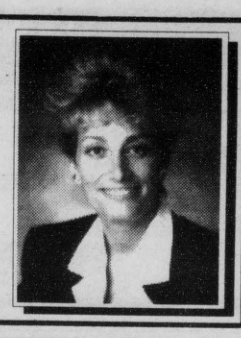

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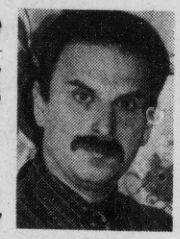

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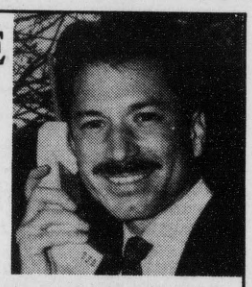

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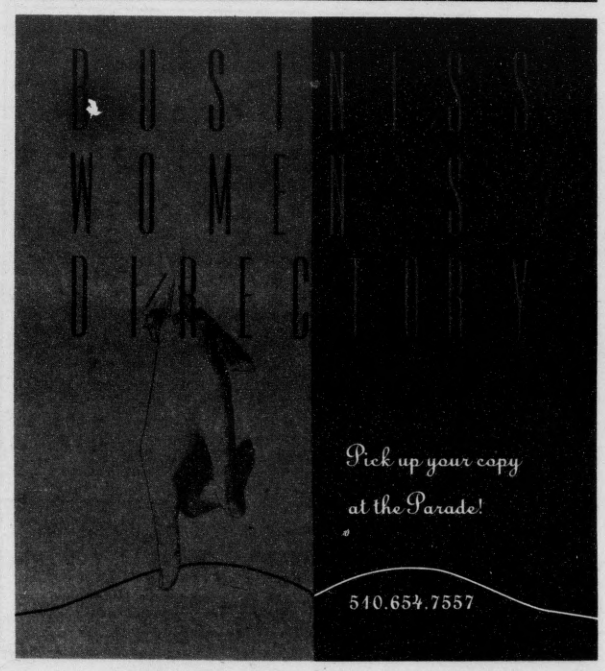

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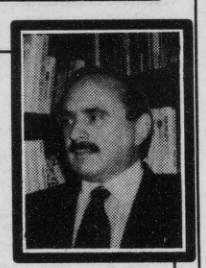

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863-2144.
Vibrator Lore Exhibit at Good Vibrations. Display of antique vibrators, plus booklet of "true life vibrator tales," on exhibit thru June. Wide array of vibrators dating back to the early 20th century. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Info: 550-7399.
John Pence Gallery: "The Figure: Selected American Artists Past & Present," curated group show. In addition to the traditional nude, exhibit of paintings include mythological themes, changing gender roles, religion in contemporary life, scenes of homosexual life & romantic interludes. Thru 7/4. 750 Post St, SF.
Morphos Gallery: "Emilie Clark: Recent Paintings," on exhibit thru 7/19. Includes paintings, drawings & etchings. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat, noon-9 pm Thurs, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.
The Lab Gallery: "Why B'Other?" sculpture installation by David Liebendorfer. Thru 7/11. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat.
"On Arrival," works by young German artists. Thru 6/30 at Baker & Hamilton Bldg, 700 Townsend, SF. 3rd floor.
At Eye Gallery: "On A Queer Day You Can See Forever," gay photo exhibit, held in conjunction with the SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival. Includes works by Deborah Bright, Susan Mabel Maney, Eli Polcinelli, Joe Smoke, Chuck Stallard & Michael Tidmus. Thru 7/4. Reception 6/22, 5-7 pm. 1151 Mission St, SF. Info: 431-6911.
Naked Nude Group Art Show: Offers painting, photography, sculpture, poetry reading & performance art by women & men, allows artists working with the human form the opportunity to present their work to the public in a socially nude setting. Gallery will be staffed by nude artists. Opening reception 6/21, 2-8 pm (mandatory clothes check for reception). Exhibit runs thru 6/27, no clothes check required for regular viewing, but gallery will be staffed by nude artists, including Sam Ambler, James Castle, Mark I Chester, Paul Cotton, Jack Davis, Susan C Deising, Mark Garrett, James Groelean, Elwood Miller, Jon Pearce, Crimson Rose, Erich Sweet, Michael Tiffany, ruth weiss and Christopher Whipp. $5 entrance fee for reception, other showings are free. 848 Divisadero St, SF. Call 885-2003 for info on regular viewing hours & special events.
Robert Dana Gallery: Group exhibit, paintings by Sarena Rosenfeld, Pedro Jimenez & Dan Samborski; paintings & sculpture by Larence Hacken, photos by Nina Glaser. Thru 6/29. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Thurs & Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sun, and by appt. 1849 Union St, SF. Info: 749-1849.
"Works on Paper & 2-Dimensional Objects," exhibit of work by William Gatewood at Saint Francis Hospital, 900 Hyde St, SF. Thru 7/16. Info: 353-6650.
Ghia Gallery: "Landlocked," exhibit exploring natural & manmade landscapes. Work by Michele Burgard, Glenn Hirsch, Leigh Hyams, Michael Lewis, Linda Ross Larson, Jayne Shor & Elly Simmons. Exhibit runs 6/24-7/31, opening reception 6/24, 5:30-8:30 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. 2648 3rd St, SF. Info: 282-2832.
MACE Space for Art: New work by Linda Simmel. Oil on canvas, pastel on paper. Exhibit runs 6/30-8/31. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.
"Jean Cocteau & the Performing Arts," exhibit of original drawings, prints & photographs at SF Performing Arts Library & Museum, 399 Grove St, SF. Thru 6/30. Info: 255-4800.
Richard Bolinbroke: Recent watercolors on exhibit thru 7/6 at Sweet Inspirations, 2239 Market St at Noe, SF.
"Irrigate the Media Wasteland," show at Armpit Gallery. Survey of the historical & contemporary methods used by individuals & groups to gain access to or bypass the conventional mass media. Thru 7/2. Admission free. 633 Haight St, SF. Info: 558-8184.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.
ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.
PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.
ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.
ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.
New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.
AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by & for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs, 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.
AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.
Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.
The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Commuty Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.
AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.
People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.
Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.
California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.
UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.
AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women (parents, siblings or married spouses) who are currently caring for a relative with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.
Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.
Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.
BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Provides support groups for African American men & men of all colors. Also provides transportation assistance (to medical appts & to pick up medication) to HIV positive African American men in SF & Oakl. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.
Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860
Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.
ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.
HIV + Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.
AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181
SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.
Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.
Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.
Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.
Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.
SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.
Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.
The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.
Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.
The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.
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Let It All Hang Out (LIAHO) returns—join the fat dykes and allies contingent at the parade, June 28—you can't miss the float!

support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

HIV + Support Group spons by All Saints Parish. Wkly group for all HIV positive persons. Fun, relaxed, informative, supportive, spiritually-oriented (but no set doctrine or church membership required). Tues 7:30 pm. Facilitated by Judith Dunlop, pastoral associate. 1350 Waller St, SF. Info: 621-1862.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Info: Bill 864-6638.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS

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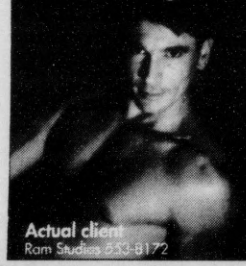

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Smooth Company
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Actual client
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Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free drop-in group/class led by a registered dietician. 2nd Fri of each month. 5:30 pm. Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV +/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

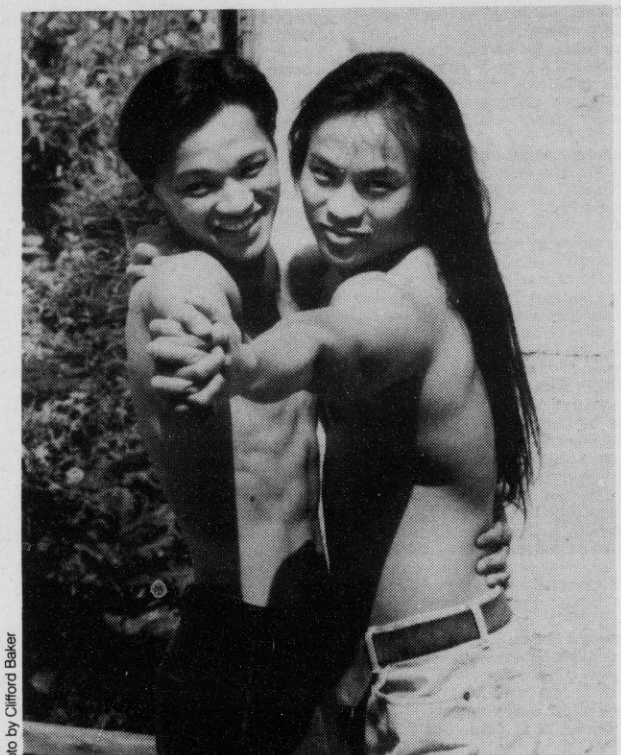
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.



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Asian AIDS Project's Love Like This Theatre presents "Totoy's Travels." OnStage has info.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Al-Anon ACA Lesbian/Women Mtg in Pacifica: Tues at 7:30 pm, Pacifica Community Center, Hwy 1 at Crespi Dr. Info: Beverly 359-6364.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion Group meets in Oakl. Ongoing. 16-wk commitment required. Call Jay (510) 547-8439 for details.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA): 12-Step group meets Sun 6-7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 105. Info: Brian 821-1008.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

North County Bisexual Support Groups: Side by Side provides peer support for bisexual men & women. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30 pm, then short social following mtg. Focus on any issues presented by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: Call Colin (707) 823-2990 for info.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm, 1st Tues of each month, at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Mill Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

15th Annual Mill Valley Film & Video Fest seeks submissions. Festival takes place Oct 1-11. Submission Deadline: June 30. For requirements & other info call 383-5256 or write MVFF, 38 Miller Ave, Ste 6, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life: Stories of Formerly-Married Lesbians. Personal narratives, short autobiographical fiction, poems, photos sought for anthology. Send SASE for guidelines & submissions to editors Deborah Abbott/ Ellen Farmer, 1515 Capitola Rd, Ste E, Santa Cruz CA 95062. Deadline: 7/15.

Women's Voices on Screen seeks video & film entries. WVS is a new monthly SF series featuring women artists, beginning late July. For info call Janet 821-4676 or write c/o Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF 94110. Deadline: 6/30.

Mark I Chester Folsom Gallery seeks proposals from lesbians, gay men & others for Chester's annual Folsom St Fair show. Work on sex, sexuality & eroticism sought, in a wide variety of media & styles. Approx 5-6 pieces may be submitted on slides. Contact Mark I Chester for full details: 544-1136 (leave message) or write PO Box 422501, SF 94142. Deadline: July 15th.

Erotic Lesbian Fiction: Alyson Publications seeks submissions for a new collecton of lesbian erotica. Submissions should be typed, double-spaced and include SASE. No poetry, no s/m. Send to Karen Barber, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston MA 02118. Deadline: 7/15.

African American Gay & Lesbian Conference Committee seeks submissions for several events related to the Oct '92 conference: Poster design contest, entry fee $10, cash prize $50. Flag design contest, entry fee $10, prize $200. Essay contest, "Why An African American Gay & Lesbian Flag Should Fly Over the United States," entry fee $10, $100, $50 & $25 cash prizes. Entry deadline: 7/31. Info: Midgett 648-3658.

Women With Cancer/AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology that will honor our present lives, and the lives of those who have died. Your own experiences (and also those of friends, family & support workers) are welcome. 250 words or less. Photos, art work and/or tapes accepted. Send submissions (SASE if you want material returned) to On Our Rag Collective, 3543 18 St, SF, Box 21, SF 94110. Please include address or phone number where you can be reached. Info: 863-2960. Deadline: Aug 1.

SEXART Salon: Submissions sought for a series of pansexual multidisciplinary events including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art & sex-related slideshows of artwork. Mark I. Chester, an artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

Anything That Moves: *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality, a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on sexuality & erotica. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24,* SF 94115 for guidelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

Theatre Rhinoceros' NET Project seeks written material for developing a theater piece on aging and maturity from a lesbian & gay perspective. Material from 5-15 min in length, consisting of personal stories, scenes, monologue etc, sought. Send to Maggie Olesen, c/o Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, SF 94103 or call 821-1937.

Old Home Movies sought by the Judah Magnes Museum and its Western Jewish History Center, a film & sound archive which collects & preserves historic film footage & audiotape of Jewish communities in the western United States. Archive has particular interest in movies & sound recorded before 1965 in any format (8mm, 16mm, ¼" audiotape, etc) including film & sound of events at Jewish organizations, institutions & business, Jewish family life cycle rituals & synagogue activities. Contact Bill Chayes or Elizabeth Friedman at the Museum (510) 549-6952 Mon-Thurs or write (do not send materials) to them at Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St, Berkeley, 94705.

Women of Color & Jewish Women Over 60 sought for an oral history video project on women's experiences in the 1950s, conducted by lesbian students at

UC Berkeley. If you are interested or available for an interview call (510) 549-4256.

Expose Yourself Cabaret, a show of local bands' video, spons by Artists' Television Access (ATA) & BLAP Productions, seeks band videos under 10 min in lenth, VHS, with non-MTV material. Video compilation will be shown on 7/18-on Viacom cable channel 25 in SF, and will be offered to local nightclubs on a selective basis. For details call 824-3890. Submit entries to Terre, c/o ATA, 992 Valencia St, SF 94110. Deadline: 7/4.

Television Families: Independent Television Service (ITVS), created by Congress to infuse public broadcasting with fresh & independent programming, is accepting applications from independent producers with strong directing experience & proposals for original narrative projects whose central focus is "the family." For guidelines & other info contact Ellie Schneider, (612) 225-9035. Deadline: July 15.

8th Annual Film Arts Festival: Submissions of film & video sought for the 8th annual Film Arts Festival, a showcase for independent media in the Bay Area. Films & video of any length & genre, in 35mm, 16mm, Super-8 film or ¾" video (½" VHS tapes OK for preview) accepted. Festival takes place on 11/4-8 at Roxie Cinema, SF. Deadline: 7/31. Info/entry forms: Robert Hawk or Nicole Barens, Film Arts Foundation, 346 9th St, SF, 2nd floor or call 552-8760.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy-referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Environmental Health Network: Nonprofit provides support, advocacy & referral for people with illnesses caused or aggravated by toxic chemicals (allergies, asthma, autoimmune diseases, chronic fatigue, etc). Voicemail: 541-5075.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 3rd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

SF Cable Stitchers: Informal group of male knitters meet biweekly in SF to knit, talk, swap ideas & start a design collective. Info: Peter 824-7828.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

Antique Lovers: Group to discuss, compare & trade antiques & collectibles. Info: Marjorie 587-7210 (leave message).

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Women's Reading Group: Monthly potluck brunch & book discussion for women who are powerless over printed matter. Improve your mind & broaden your horizons. Info/location: Jill 255-7809.

Brewmistress: Informal group of women who are interested in brewing. Info: Lin 383-5345.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Men-

Metropolis, improv comedy at Fort Mason on June 27. Check Calendar for details.

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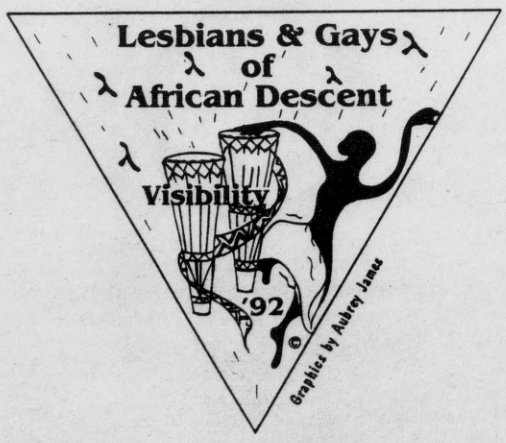

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tal Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors: Women's Support Group. Meets wkly, free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

Comic Margaret Cho (with Mark Davis) at Josie's, July 1-5.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.

Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 776-1892 or 397-9863.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to African American men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & LITERARY ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.

Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Lesbian Chamber Music Group meets monthly for informal performance, reading & improvisation. Info: Lisa or Anne 621-0790.

Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.

STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Artist Support Group: For all creative artists, including writers & musicians. Networking, plus occasional mtgs. SF location. Call Steve 756-8431.

TS-ART Transsexual artists/writers network. See Transgender Groups.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance exhibition group. Performs dance routines, human pyramids, gymnastic stunts & cheers at ballgames, parades & festivals. 2-hr Sunday practices. No experience necessary. Info: Michael (415) 474-5486 or Steve (510) 228-7497.

Cocoons: Social/networking group for culturally diverse emerging painters seeks people committed to their artwork. Info: 431-8045.

Working Class Lesbian Writing Support Group. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.

Racially Diverse Lesbian Writers group welcomes new members. For location, time & other info call Debra (510) 653-4135 or Christina (415) 626-0475.

► POLITICAL

LABIA (Lesbians &-Biwomyn in Action) group for lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.

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5th Silver Star Pow Wow and Indian Market, June 19-21, at Kaiser Arena in Oakland. See Calendar for info.

Michael Greer appears at Josie's, June 27 & 28. Calendar has details.

United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color. See People of Color listings for more info.

Outrage! San Francisco. Direct Action. Call 985-7141 for more information.

QueerNET SF: A queer activist networking & educational group committed to the empowerment, expansion & celebration of queer culture in all of its diversity. QueerNET conducts special events & activities to promote queer culture thru outreach, education, art, visibility & consciousness-raising. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For meeting times/location and for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.

Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. New defamations discussed 1st Thurs of each month, 7 pm, 514 Castro St, SF.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.

Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bi-monthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

Jerry Brown for President Group in support of Brown's campaign "to take back the political process from private greed & corrupt politics." Call 202-1992 for more info.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Queer Women's Art Support/Network Group: For musicians, writers, visual artists, pagans, etc. Must be serious & commited to your art. Wild women welcome! Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (510) 533-2648.

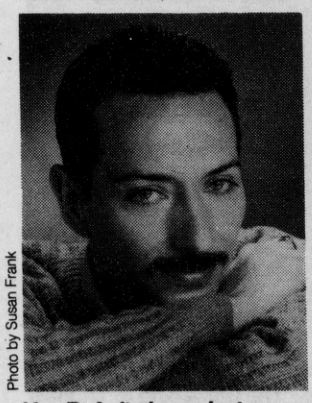
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon.



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Van R. Ault gives a lecture on "Intuitive Self-Discovery" on June 24. Calendar has info.

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MCC Church in the Castro
150 Eureka Street
7 - 9:00 pm

YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP
Monday Nights
The Women's Building
3543 18th Street
7 - 9:00 pm

Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) sponsors social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 23 and under.

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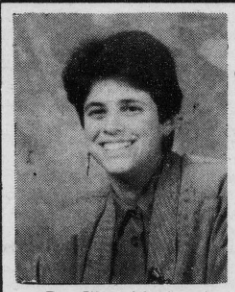

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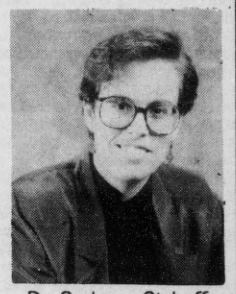

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► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 790-0267.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of each month for socializing, card parties, potlucks, etc. For more info call (707) 944-8081.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.

Shalom! halach'ti bezmano le'mifgashim shel kvoot'sat ha'homo'im vehalesbiyot hayisraelim/yisraeliyot vehaya mesha'amem pachad! Vegam hayoo yoter midai bachoorim. Ani rot'sa lehat'chil kvott'sa chadasha lelesbiyot bilvad. Ulai kvott'sa zo lo hmila hamat'ima. Me'oonyenet lit'sor eiso'shehi misgeret le'pgishot, bilooyim, kef, ve'tmicha. Be'ivrit, ve'ivrit bilvad. Nu... nishma ma'anyen? kitvi ma barosh shelach la'asot be'kvott'sa shekazot, et haktovet ve'hatelefon shelach, ve'et'sor itach kesher bekarov. Na'ama, 35 The Cresecent, Berkeley 94708.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

Eurofemme: European-born women's social group. Lesbians, feminists, artists, politicos, glam, butch—all welcome. Info: Nicola 621-5443.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Monthly gatherings for women who enjoy good food & conversation. Info: 658-9389.

Lesbian Friday Night Group: Meet 1st Fri of month for relaxed conversation around a good vegetarian potluck dinner & delicious dessert! Watch movies, plan outings, etc. Lesbians only. Couples & singles welcome. Berkeley location. Info: (510) 559-8355.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: Jeff 457-3523.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-9355.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Eastbay Feminist Minyan: Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call 845-9711 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

Gay Spirit Drumming Circle meets at 194 Church Street, SF for a celebration with dancing, drumming & meditation. Info: Bob 456-1108.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.

Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF 94114-0052.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of evangelical Christian gays who have banded together in a local Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is Lord. All are welcome. Service: Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues at 7:30 pm study in classical Christianity at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Info: 647-0184.

Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop White 771-5872.

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Paul Dresher Ensemble presents "The Gardening of Thomas D," June 25-28 at Fort Mason's Cowell Theatre. OnStage has details.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical, social & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Info: Julian 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics, and friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Peace United Church: All gay, lesbian & straight people, singles & families, are welcome. Two lesbian ministers. Politically aware, justice-oriented, creative community, sensitive to each individual. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible. 5 pm Sun service. 424 Monte Vista near Piedmont Ave, Oakland. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.

Golden Gate Institute of Religious Science: An educational outreach ministry of the Independent Church of Religious Science, serving the gay & lesbian community. Classes & credentials offered. Write Rev Jon Lindsay, 36250 Easterday Way, Fremont CA 94536 for more info.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info send SASE to PO Box 511 Forest Knolls, CA 94933.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Sea Snakes Northern Calif Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.

Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players. Info: Linda (510) 540-7540.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
Eureka Valley Rec Ctr in the Castro offers free adult programs for everyone: Mon—women's basketball, square dance. Tues—badminton, wrestling club, folk dance. Wed—women's night! Basketball, volleyball, square dance. Thurs—free-play basketball. Sat—men's volleyball, Sun—men's volleyball & men's basketball. For time, to donate exercise equipment, or for other info call 554-9528.
Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.
Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.
Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
WSSM (Women Supporting SM) meets in Sonoma County the 1st Sun of each month. Call M for location: (707) 525-9833.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.
Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Support/social group. Discuss & share info about living with mild MS. Info/location: 626-2216.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Women's Career Support Group: Share practical solutions to career & money issues in a supportive environment. Meets every other Tues, 7-9 pm. Mid-Peninsula location. Info: 508-1290.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Leaderless Support Group for women who are thirtyish: Monday nights in SF. Call Linda 863-4605 (eves) for details.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 922-7690.
Gay Men's Support Group: Tues eves in SF. Self-led group deals with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment & open to sharing in a structured setting are welcome. Info: Greg 626-1197.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Reluctant Partners Group: Is your partner pregnant, planning to get pregnant, or already has children? Is is not your chosen lifestyle? Discuss issues, get mutual support. Call Marjorie 587-7210.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, **"incest/battery therapy"** and **"discussion/consultation groups"**.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
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Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
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SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
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Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

► YOUTH

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Under 21: Peer-led support group for gay, bisexual & questioning young men. For mtg times, location & other info call Mark or Alphonso at LYRIC 252-6059.
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BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves, drop-in 5:30 pm, group 6-7:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.
Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.
BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.
Support Group for Young Women of Color: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Spons by the LYFE Program of Lyon-Martin Wmen's Health Services and LYRIC. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 252-6059.
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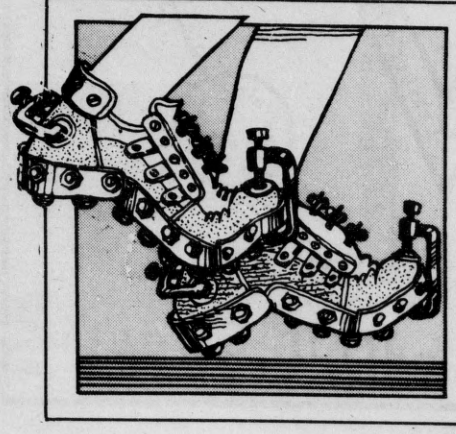
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BY DON BAIRD

Countdown to Ecstasy: A Non-Blonde Experience

When the group 4 non-Blondes sprang up locally more than two years ago and began presenting before queers and rock fans live club gigs of remarkable clarity and drive, the bowled-over audiences left in the wake of their passionate sets buzzing with one shared and much overheard comment: "This band is gonna be big."

If you saw them at one of their earlier gigs at Female Trouble (the first club to ever feature them regularly, along with the early solo shows by vocalist Linda Perry before 4 non-Blondes formed), or first caught their act at 1015 Folsom when they played a frenetic set to benefit needle exchange, or waited till their demo tape was regularly featured on KUSF, or caught the show they played at the Kennel on the night of January 16—mere hours after Bush decided to start that darn war—the expectation of impending 4 non-Blonde World Domination may have planted itself firmly in your head. You don't have to be Jeanne Dixon to predict the future success or impact of 4 non-Blondes. All you really have to do is be present and attentive when Linda Perry approaches the microphone. The look in her eyes reflects the driving ambition and honesty of a lifer, someone who has to make music forever. Then she sings. Then you know.

4 non-Blondes whipped up quite a local following in a short amount of time, largely comprised of dykes who like to rock—the longtime fans who've provided support since the Linda Perry solo acoustic days. When the band started gigging all over town, hitting every club and even landing a surprise opening spot at the Warfield, their fans went with them. Soon they were winning the accolades of many local rock heroes, and record companies started sniffing around. Innerscope picked them up, and gigging ended to facilitate recording. The new record's due soon and the band has just returned to the stage after its long break.

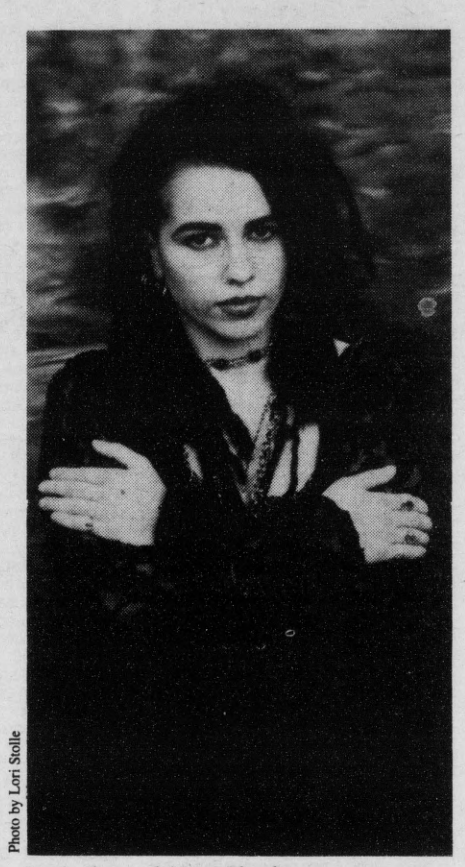
NEW MEMBERS

In the interim, there have been changes in the band's line-up. First, Wanda, the drummer, was replaced. Then, more recently, guitarist Shawna Hall parted ways with the band, which was sad and surprising news. But Shawna's not the kind to sit still, and she has already aligned herself with Pat Wilder, blues/funk goddess and best-kept secret of the lesbian music community. Even more surprising than Shawna's departure was news that the replacement was a male guitarist. It somehow seemed odd to throw the all-girl line-up askew, but I guess it's not like he's blond or anything. And it's not likely to stir up any political controversy at future women's music festivals—functions always replete with issues. Just mention something about a "Prince Albert" anywhere near the piercing tent and boom, you're on Lesbians' Court, featured somewhere in the sea of public access cable, ready to "issue" about tofu and pro-genital manipulation discrimination. When I hear the word "issue" being used as a verb too much, I run for the nearest rock 'n' roll show. Say, what a happy coincidence: The return of 4 non-Blondes. Their first show with the new line-up hit Slim's just when I needed it most. The opening act was the best possible choice—Stone Fox.

YUPPIES AND FOXES

What is it about Slim's? Every time I've been there I've felt overwhelmed by this incredibly Yuppie aesthetic, which comes complete with Yuppie-type people, regardless of what entertainment is being featured. My friend Becky said they were even present for Lydia Lunch's latest poetic foray into hell. That's why I got such a thrill when Georgie, the Stone Fox vocalist, introduced their second song by saying, "This is for all you perfect feathered-hair bitches." They were there, and Stone Fox is just about the funnest multi-babe fortified rock band in bell bottoms. Even better news is their rhythm section. The drummer, a guy with a lovely brunette Barbara Eden-esque fall and very good make-up, showed that it takes much more than beauty to be a Stone Fox. He kept the set clipping along in that tight, hard, fast and talented way. This, matched with the fluid yet punchy bass of Janice from the Jackson Saints, adds precisely what Stone Fox needed—a musical backbone forged by experience. Janice must have lots of experience. She can play while lying on her back and, to top it off, she happens to be a totally babe-ilicious looker too. She and the drummer have erased the notion that Stone Fox is a novelty act who only play a few times a year like they used to. With all the glamour still intact, they're much more than that.

Someone from the audience brought Georgie



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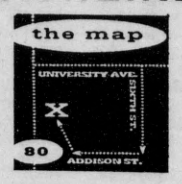

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what looked like a glass of whiskey. She replied, "Oooooh, it's my rock juice, thanks," in a purring rock-kitten way. Her dancing and gestures and facial expressions scream, "I'm a sex bomb." And then she'll turn and raise her eyelids a bit higher than usual and suddenly she's a big-eyed Keane print. In its set, Stone Fox covered the song, "Twist Barbie," by Shonen Knife, nodded to influences such as Black Sabbath with the slow and heavy guitar assault, dabbled in styles like country western and blues, but not too much, and finished off with a song about lip gloss. What could be better?

WELL WORTH THE WAIT

When the video screen/curtain went up, exposing the band of the hour to their many adoring fans who've missed them a lot, along with a rush of new fans ready to be rocked, the joint went wild. The uncharacteristic opening song was a great cover of "To Sir, With Love," which was campy and funny, but eventually awesome as Linda began startling me with her vocal abilities in a way that gives me chills. It was just the first song! In spite of an obvious assuredness and a quickly captivated crowd, you could sense their slight nervousness about debuting a new line-up and returning to live performance after a long break. Then they all strapped on guitars and tore into a fast and hard one with a sonic vengeance. Yep, they're back, and louder than I remember. The new guitarist was running all over his part of the stage in a subtle physical tribute to Chuck Berry and metal axe-wielding postures. It was a few songs into the set before his playing took on a life that matched the zeal of his movements. In spite of my overly optimistic expectations of what the new guy would be like, I forced myself to be critical. I noted his better-than-average use of the wah-wah pedal and conferred about his playing with Becky Slane's date/look-alike, who also plays guitar. This entailed glancing over at her after every acrobatic riff of note and saying, "I think he'll do just fine." She agreed and, as the set progressed, his strengths as a musician became more and more evident.

The drummer, who played in a fine L.A.-based band called Love Dog before joining 4 non-Blondes, had a monolithic black drum set that she commanded fully, charming me through the whole set with her warm smile and a look on her face like she was the happiest woman alive. I had seen her play with the band before and remembered her charged and efficient drumming, which had already received a thumbs-up from me in a previous article. I praised her for the snappy rapport she so quickly developed with Krista, the bass player. They musically accentuate each other via method and, more importantly, sense, and when it comes to complementing a talent as fierce as Krista's, I'm sure it ain't no cake-walk.

Krista is an original non-Blonde and, to get the idea across as simply as possible, she's a jock motherfucker on the bass. She's got the fastest fingers, the most developed personal style and a history of constant bass playing that spans 15 years of situations as disparate as Top 40 lounge bands and Sapphic blues jams with the likes of Pat Wilder. Plain and simple, she rips shit on most bass players around town, ranking right up there with Les Claypool, the Bammie-winning bassist for Primus. Seldom do I see a band and think to myself, "My god, this is like watching Stanley Clarke or Jaco Pastorious or some other bass player of legendary status." Krista brings greatness to mind always. She's a valuable player— integral, structured and hot.

On stage, Linda Perry modestly nursed a small bottle of Jack Daniels, having had a cold for three days prior to this show. I like it better than Nyquil myself and, by the end of their set, I wanted nothing more than to buy a bottle just like it and I don't even have a cold. The urge was more of a hero-worship thing, and isn't that just about the grossest, schmaltziest thing I've ever written? However, when Linda Perry steps up to the microphone with an acoustic guitar and starts to sing, the sum of all these figures equals one rock 'n' roll soul fearlessly bared, joyously unstoppable. During their best-known, arguably greatest song, "What's Up," a modern classic of anthemic disillusionment, I started getting, uh, well, sort of choked up, or as Ggreg D. Taylor would say, "Feeling all warm and fuzzy inside." The faces of all the band members, specifically the drummer, reflected a similar feeling. I felt like a sentimental fool, but not the only one in the crowd by a long shot.

Enough already. It was a rock show, not a Harlequin romance. Further antics included a trademark Linda Perry-transforms-into-a-screaming-Tasmanian-Devil explosion near the end of their final song, which I believe was entitled "Morphone." Her between-song banter to the audience was clever, haughty and humorous, with a side of clown-like self-mockery bouncing in and out of view. So—see this band, buy their record, tell your friends. Oh yes, I almost forgot to point out one special detail to end with: Linda grabs her coos a lot when she sings, just like Bjork of the Sugarcubes did when I saw her. Great minds grope alike.

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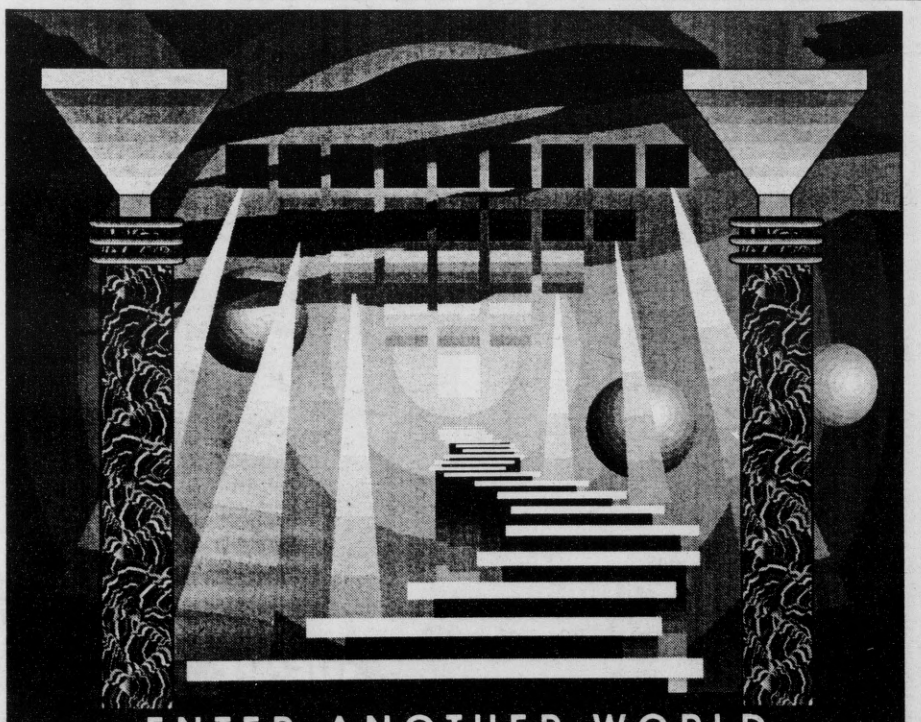
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BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Atlanta Revisited

When last we spoke of things Atlantan (Sept. 26, 1991, to be exact), I focused on the women's acoustic scene. But, as the Ellen James Society's Chris McGuire pointed out to me (see story elsewhere), there are a multitude of musical currents coursing through the city, including rock, rap and country. Many artists have moved to the city to take advantage of these scenelets. Bobby Brown, Pebbles, Trisha Yearwood, and the Black Crowes all live there. Hey, even Elton John calls Atlanta home now. (That doesn't have anything to do with his Coke contract, does it? Just asking.) Here are a few of the artists who've released records recently.

INDIGO GIRLS
***Rites of Passage*, Epic**

Trend-setting folk rockers and inspirers of lesbian lust, this duo strikes again. Produced by Peter Collins, *Rites* features eclectic instrumentation that includes strings, varied percussion, and influences ranging from Irish to Middle Eastern. Sure, there are still folk-based songs like "Three Hits" and "Nashville," but the sound is alternately punchy and ethereal.

The production reflects the disparate styles of the two halves of the duo. For years, fans have tagged Amy as the passionate one and Emily as the quiet, introspective one. Their vocal styles reflect the contrast: Emily has a softer, more dispassionate delivery, while Amy has a penchant for reckless bombast.

As far as songwriting goes, Amy takes on subjects like the oddball character who inspired "Chickenman," one of the new songs. He was someone she met while traveling between Houston and Austin, Texas. The result is a barnyard hoedown of a song, with Amy's trademark stream-of-consciousness lyrics. "Jonas and Ezekiel" carries this trait to its conclusion, mixing references to Biblical characters, New Hampshire, and Native spirits.

The key vocal performance by Amy is of the one cover, her solo rendition of Mark Knopfler's "Romeo and Juliet." Her vocal performance is nothing short of stunning, a *cri de coeur* that packs an emotional wallop. "Juliet," wails Amy, "When we made love, you used to cry." The raggedy-raw emotion is perfectly expressed.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Lea DeLaria and her band jazz it up at the Herbst.

Emily's songs tend toward wistful takes on love and the nature of the human condition. She weighs in with "Ghost," a ballad which explodes into, well, *epic* sound with its use of strings. "I'm in love with your ghost," she effuses. The difference is like night and day.

Still, the new record finds Emily showing flashes of humor. On the first single, "Galileo," the subject of which is reincarnation, she sings ironically, "You know me, I take everything so seriously..." On the semi-silly "Airplane," she finds herself confronting a fear of flying. Backed by the Roches doo-wopping, she concludes, "I'll be making a deal inspired by gravity."

KRISTEN HALL
***Fact and Fiction*, Daemon**

Well, it was a long wait for Kristen's new release, which I tipped last fall, but I am well-chuffed with the results. Hall is one of Atlanta's acoustic acts, and what she does with an acoustic guitar and her voice, well...it's fantabulous. A few of these songs appeared on a bootleg recording floating around. Here, though, heard in fully realized acoustic-based (though slightly electric) arrangements, they stand out.

For example, my favorite track on *Fact and Fiction* is "Trouble Times," which was on the bootleg, but which somehow I overlooked. Featuring the mandolin of Dede Vogt, the song evokes protest songs of yore and a blues aesthetic. "It's hard to greet the world with no disguise, baby, in these trouble times" is the signature lyric.

Twelve other songs appear on the CD, all conveyed with Hall's incredibly expressive, world-weary voice.

Fact and Fiction is distributed by Sky Records (1-800-886-3142).

TLC
***Oooooohhh...On the TLC Tip*, LaFace/Arista**

Rappers are getting younger and younger. The boys in Atlanta's Kriss Kross are 12 and 13 years old, respectively. Their female counterparts in TLC look barely old enough to be in high school, but they rap about sex, declare their independence, and dis the boys with the best of them. TLC's gimmick, in fact, is to wear various

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safe sex implements on their clothes, and in their hit, "Ain't 2 Proud 2 Beg," the girls declaim their lack of embarrassment in fulfilling their needs. I applaud the honesty, but wonder if they're as self-sufficient as they claim.

Produced by the team of L.A. and Babyface, the record suffers from a high-gloss sheen that threatens to drown out the girls' cheeky rhymes. Of the three, only Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes (the L in TLC) gets a writing credit. Much of the material is written by outsiders. What we have here is some sassy rapping packaged with some overly slick R&B singing. I prefer the former to the latter. Oh, and the girls' final message to us is, "we cannot possibly express to *you* how important safe sex is to *us*. And that's oooh, on the TLC tip."

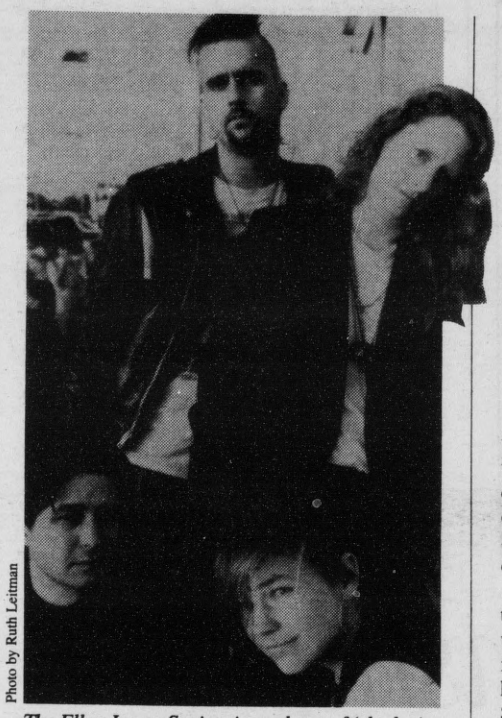
ENDNOTES...

Curve's debut on the 9th left me enervated, as much from the press of bodies and lack of ventilation as from the show. Debbie Smith's guitar pyrotechnics were much-appreciated, particularly the show-ending five-minute feedback solo. It's comforting to know that lesbians can be just as self-indulgent in their guitar-playing as the boys... Lea DeLaria and friends jazzed up a storm at the Herbst on the 14th. The jazz combo flitted between bebop scat numbers and more cool, slow-burning numbers. Ms. DeLaria held court in the lobby afterward in typically demure style (not)...

Diviana's show at Theatre Rhino, *Naked Women*, continues through June 27. Linda Tillery and her Motown Band headline a gay and lesbian dance on the 27th, the night before the parade. It's set for 9 pm at the Omni in Oakland. (510) 835-1445.

On the benefit trail, the On Our Rag collective hosted a night of dyke rage on June 12, which resulted in some fine performances. In particular, I was moved by Shez's tribute to her mother, dead from breast cancer. Proceeds from the evening will go toward the Rag's forthcoming publication honoring the lives of women with cancer and AIDS.

I'm looking forward to Marusia Bociurkiw's presentation titled, "Cross-Sexing the Narrative" at the film festival on June 23 and 26. The Montreal-based scholar and filmmaker will be showing videos and slides of female pop performers, pointing out the lesbian subtexts in the images. (Jeez, I do that all the time and never knew it had such a fancy name.) She says these presentations usually end with gossip sessions. Under discussion will be performances by Annie Lennox, Tracy Chapman, Dolly Parton and a rare video of Anne Murray and k.d. lang singing "I Wanna Sing You a Love Song." This I've gottta see.



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The Ellen James Society is made up of (clockwise from top) Stephen Hines, Chris McGuire, Cooper Seny and Bryan Lilje.

Marusia and I commiserated over the phone about k.d. lang's coming out in *The Advocate*. We both admitted to feelings of ambivalence. Sure, it's great, but now what? "I wish she could have waited till after my show," grumbled the artiste. k.d.'s tour, by the way, alights in Sacramento on July 31 and Oakland August 3.

Happy Pride Month. The revolution is nigh.

Ellen James Society Makes the Scene

Spend any time around Ellen James Society, and you're liable to come away with an earful. Based in Atlanta and fronted by two women, Chris McGuire and Cooper Seay, the band rocks hard and takes on some weighty concerns. This weekend they make their Bay Area club debut, appearing at the Bottom of the Hill in SF on June 19 and at the Starry Plough in Berkeley on June 20.

Ellen James Society's freewheeling onstage antics include a bit of stand-and-deliver rock 'n' roll, which some might call posturing. Chris insists this is not so. "It's about being completely not inhibited. It's boring to see a group standing still." So, she and Cooper don't aspire to be rock goddesses? "No, not at all."

Explaining the appeal of playing live compared to recording, Cooper reaches for an analogy. "One is like sex in the pool. One is like sex in the woods." Come again? "The song is not the same. It's not a controlled experiment," she says. Chris adds, "Until we played live, we didn't even know if the lyrics worked."

The band plays as much as it can, even performing some acoustic dates at home to keep sharp between regular gigs. Chris complains, "There's no place to play." The club network is peopled by some unscrupulous characters, making it tough for a principled band to get gigs. Chris nods to her bandmate. "Cooper is keeping the moral focus for us. It's a very seductive game to be in

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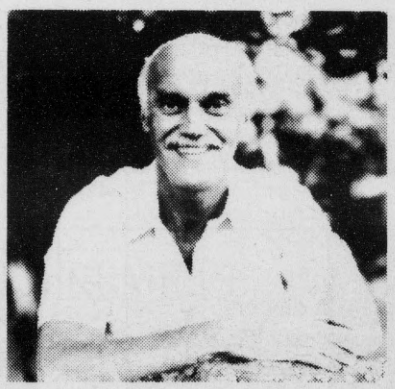

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the industry. It's hard to do the right thing. You have to really believe in an ideal and stand on the issue offstage."

Cooper explains, "We're musicians. On a political level, we try to keep our noses clean." As Chris puts it, "We don't want to carry any banner but music." Though they're out as lesbians, it's something they prefer not to make a focal point of their work. "We talk about the record and the songs," says Cooper. "If someone asked me, I'd say, 'Hell yeah, I'm a queer.'" Chris adds, "We're not musicians because we're lesbians. We create for anyone who wants to hear."

What moves them is making music. The band is hitting the road again in support of their new release, *The Survivors Parade*, on Daemon Records. The title is emblematic of some personal losses members of the group have suffered, as well as their status as a band. "It reflects a whole lot of stuff. It's us as a band surviving... and trying to move through it," says Chris. "It's been a dark and difficult year. You're only gonna write about what you know."

The lineup, which has changed over time, now consists of Cooper and Chris handling guitar and vocals, bassist Bryan Lilje, and new drummer Stephen Hines. Cooper says, "It takes a lot of faith to be in a band, and most people just don't have it."

Writing is done as a band. "We sit in a room or at a sound check," says Chris. "Someone starts playing and we discuss arrangements." The two women contribute the lyrics. "Whoever sings it, wrote it," she explains.

The Survivors Parade contains some tuneful takes on lost love, traveling tough roads and about losing friends to AIDS, all courtesy of the above process. Produced by George Pappas, along with Cooper and Chris, it has a stronger pop feel than their first recording, the more edgy *reluctantly we*. Says Chris, "I think this one is better done, actually. The performances are smoother. The first one was done more haphazardly." One change is in the bigger guitar sound eked out on the new record, the result of some guitar multitracking. "It actually sounds smoother," Chris reckons.

Talk turns to other Atlanta musicians, namely Indigo Girls and their influence on the local music scene. Despite the attention the city is now getting as a bastion of acoustic music, Chris says with an air of exasperation, "There was never an acoustic scene! Indigo Girls were an apparition on the horizon—an aberration."

With all the different styles of music being played in the city, she feels Atlanta is mischaracterized as an acoustic town. "What the acoustic scene has going for it is that Amy [Ray] and Emily [Saliers] are incredibly supportive of those people." Amy started Daemon Records to support local songwriters, and the label now features Kristen Hall and Gerard McHugh, in addition to Ellen James Society.

Looking to Indigo Girls' success, many acoustic artists have moved to the city, but at the time Indigo Girls were coming up, there was little support from the clubs. Chris says, "They played Atlanta for years. People thought they were a joke. It was like 'who are these girls?' They played Seals and Crofts covers."

She adds, "Amy was determined to get into the punk clubs." In fact, Indigo Girls did play these clubs as an acoustic act, but not before Chris and Cooper did a little musical education with Amy. "She missed punk," says Chris. "It was only when she started hanging out with us that she grasped it."

Cooper and Chris, on the other hand, were well-versed in the punk scene. Throughout the '70s and early '80s, "Atlanta had quite a formidable punk club scene," says Chris, who took to the raw energy and do-it-yourself philosophy of the music. "When I was a teenager, I loved it. I thought, 'you don't have to know how to play. You can make noise and have fun.'"

In fact, she and Cooper used to go out to terrorize the more sedate Indigo Girls. "We went to see them and to raise hell," Chris recalls. "We rode bikes, wore leather, and drank a lot." They hung out with skinheads, too. "Emily, back then, was horrified. Her friends were like, 'Don't talk to them.'"

Once Cooper and Chris started playing, their early sound bore the marks of that time. "We were basically a grunge band then, and our crowd was skinheads," says Chris. If one is to believe the band's press release, one of their mottos is 'girls, guitars and Guinness.' "That's Cooper," laughs Chris. "She writes crap like that and never consults us."

The story behind that moniker goes back to the old days, when they met the skinheads. Chris explains, "Cooper has tattoos, and the skinheads had tattoos, so she'd talk to them. They'd say, 'beers, braces and boots,' and she came up with 'girls, guitars and Guinness.'"

It's not to be taken too seriously as a summation of Ellen James Society. "We don't fit in with anybody here. We don't have a scene," says Chris. "I like to say we play post-punk apocalyptic music."

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BY CHING CHANG

SF Opera's New Production of Guillaume Tell

San Francisco Opera's major project in its summer Rossini bicentennial celebration comes as an entirely new production of Rossini's last opera, *Guillaume Tell*, with a cast headed by the likes of Carol Vaness, Chris Merritt and Timothy Noble in the title role.

Led by Donald Runnicles, the performances at the War Memorial provided some wonderful glimpses of what Rossini might have produced, had he not been plagued by all sorts of miseries during the 40 years between the premiere of *Tell* and his death. This four-hour-plus extravaganza, based on the ageless tale of the Swiss folk hero, initially represented Rossini's formal entrance into the world of French opera—it was his first original opera in French, and was composed specifically for Parisian audiences—but quite unfortunately became the last opera he ever composed.

Unless one has been exposed to some of Rossini's more exquisite art songs, *Guillaume Tell* may sound very alien to those who are used to his *buffa* masterpieces. While Rossini's comical inventiveness was unquestionably brilliant, his style in *Guillaume Tell* is significantly more mature and attains deeper dramatic levels, which helps one forget that this very lengthy work has a rather thin plot. Gone are the silly duets and trios, the endless *cavatinas* and *cadenzas*, and particularly absent is Rossini's typical usage of *coloratura* writing for *coloratura*'s sake which often appears even in his earlier serious operas.

Instead, the work has been padded with extended ballets, more choruses, and intricate symbolic elements woven into the music, all of which give the score an unmistakably French feel. It is very tempting to thus classify *Guillaume Tell* as an ideal hybrid, with the brilliance of Italian writing taking away some of the (dare I say?) boring quality of French grand opera, and a little "weight" (musical or intellectual) being added to the Italian bel-canto repertoire.

While not every element in this San Francisco Opera staging was ideal, worthwhile moments were numerous. The sets, designed by Gerard Howland in his U.S. opera debut, were constructed on a double rotation platform, with huge vertical mirrors which reflected either harmony or chaos, depending on the situation. Slide projections were used and overused to provide the backdrop variations for different scenes. Robert Ray's choreography in the extended ballets was charming, but the costumes didn't seem to cooperate with the dancers' moves.

Despite a little hiccup at the end of the cadenza in her first aria, the most outstanding overall singer was indeed Carol Vaness, singing the soprano role of the Hapsburg princess Mathilde for the first time. Her singing was beautifully controlled, sensitively phrased, and she tastefully resisted frivolous grand overstatements.

This production finally acquainted me with the singing of Chris Merritt, in the role of Arnold Mechtal, which made me understand what this recent fuss over him was all about. In addition to a very flexible and agile voice, the American tenor, who these days makes a career out of singing Rossini roles, also has impressive, earthshaking high notes, which he tosses out gratuitously. Unfortunately, his technical accomplishments are diminished by the fact that he is not very successful at attaining coloristic effects with his instrument, relying sometimes on a curious technique of getting different coloration by directing the projection of a held single note to different areas of the theater.

In the title role, Timothy Noble's ample baritone conveyed the Swiss patriot with integrity but, in a part that requires a lot of theatrical action, his dramatic sense did not seem to always match the events. Though one might have had a hard time hearing notes from the bottom of her range, Janet Williams, in the male role of Jemmy (Tell's son, who gets the apple on the head), sang with a beautiful, limpid soprano tone, which was particularly gratifying when she soared alone on a high note within ensemble sections.

Donald Runnicles conducted the SF Opera Orchestra conscientiously, and provided a comfortable balance between the orchestra and the action on the stage. The Rossini Celebration at the SF Opera closes this month, with the following performances remaining: *The Barber of Seville* on June 19, two concert performances of *Ermione* on June 26 and 28, a bonus *Petite Messe Solennelle*, June 25 at Grace Cathedral, and a bunch of performances of *L'Italiana in Algeri* (with Marilyn Horne in the title role).

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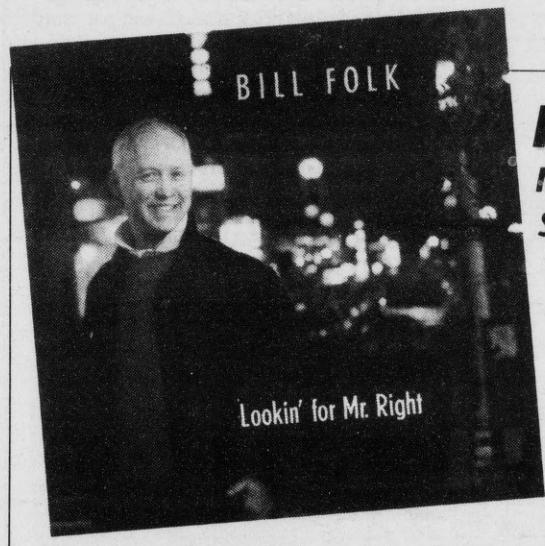

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Walking to our table in the back provided an opportunity to view the long open kitchen with its tidy counter full of olive oils, pepper mills, and knives. Food was not visible on this tour, but would have made a welcome sight (garlic braids, peppers, eggplants, etc.). The look at Milano Joe's is sparse, white and clean, very Italian high-tech. Lots of glass brick is used, and pin spots shine on tables and wee trees.

The wine list includes a quaffable Italian white and red by the glass, and several interesting bottles (Flora Springs Sauvignon Blanc, Field Stone Cabernet), though vintages are not given. Moretti Italian Pilsner and other beers are served, but the selection of non-alcoholic drinks is bare.

Our meal began quite nicely, with heated bread and a head of roasted garlic brought as an amuse-guele. The **Carpaccio** ($7.95), although slightly chewy, was dressed with some gorgeous extra-virgin olive oil, capers and lemon juice. I'm not sure, but the sauce tasted like mayonnaise mixed with the juice from the capers—interesting, at best. Probably the worst dish you'll hear about is the **Mozzarella Fritta** ($6.95), a generous serving of breaded and deep fried triangles of processed mozzarella cheese, in a pool of marinara sauce. Some lightness would have helped here—better, mouth-melting cheese, or fresh herbs. The unfortunate **Insalata Mista** ($4.95) lacked flavor, since the days-old leaves were cold, as were the tomatoes and other garnishes.

Italian Flag Pasta Fettuccini ($10.95) brought impeccably cooked pasta in a light cream sauce speckled with chunks of fresh tomato, topped with a dollop of zesty pesto. Probably my favorite dish, there were hints of nutmeg in the cream sauce, and a wonderful airiness to the pesto. Of the many standard entrees, perhaps **Veal Piccata** ($13.95) was a karmic reminder that it's still not OK to eat veal. Here, three pounded, tough cutlets wallowed in a lemony white-wine butter sauce, dotted with capers. The dish lacked finesse. It felt like the problems stemmed from a lack of training or understanding of the makeup of these classic dishes.

Service that first night was indifferent. The restaurant was almost empty, and I felt like my server didn't care if we wanted water glasses refilled, more bread, or if we stayed or left.

Lunch the next day proved a better experience. Perhaps the day cooks are better trained than the night cooks; the service was definitely more cordial and attentive, and the locale itself, with walls of glass brick, benefits from sunshine. A cup of **Pastina** ($2.50) brought me back to grandma's

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house: soothing chicken soup with lots of orzo (rice-shaped pasta) and chopped parsley had bright and clean flavors. The **Carpaccio** ($6.95) again had that pickled mayonnaise, but was showered with chopped red onion and seemed more satisfying. I think the **Caesar Salad** ($6.95) had a tangy dressing, but the cold, cold leaves and croutons masked most of the flavor.

At lunch I noticed that pastas are absolutely the high-point of the kitchen's expertise; a huge serving of **Capellini Alla Milano** ($8.95) was light and filled with fresh, summery tastes: *al dente* angel hair tossed with chopped tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, parmesan, and several whole leaves of basil that somehow managed to perfume every bite. **Linguine with Clams** ($11.95) combined perfect pasta with chopped clams in a robust, oniony, rosemary-laced sauce.

Appetizers and entrees tend to be hit and miss, but, once again, pastas are certainly worthwhile. With clean, apparently well-maintained surroundings and an '80s high-tech feel, Milano Joe's doesn't exactly bathe you in comfort, but is a pleasant spot for a casual lunch or quiet dinner.

AROUND TOWN

Town's End, at 2 Townsend in the South Beach Marina Apartments, recently held a press dinner to attract attention. It's a place that deserves a little attention. The exciting menu is filled with fresh, contemporary Californian dishes. Problems: execution and speed. Yes, I loved the place itself, a deep hall of white walls, natural wood floors and marble, orange-hued sconces. But the food arrived so slowly, and then didn't meet the luscious menu descriptions, that I just don't know... Worth a second trip back, I think, if just for the gorgeous desserts—Blueberry Brown Butter Tart, Chocolate Mascarpone Cheesecake, Raspberry Hazelnut Dacquoise.

We were standing in line for the movies when my date and I realized we were starving, and popcorn wasn't going to cut it. So we quickly reserved our spot in line and aimed ourselves toward **Francisco's Taqueria**, at 2230 Chestnut. A real hole in the wall, Francisco's serves soft tacos with lots of freshly cooked chicken, beef or pork, fresh salsa and whole beans. Other preparations (burritos & quesadillas, with lots of options) are available as well. "This is Mexican. This is satisfying," we were saying to each other as we wiped the salsa from our mouths and reminisced about the great food to be had in Mexico.

In the mood for a new neighborhood market? **Ashbury Market**, at 205 Frederick St., boasts an extraordinary selection of wines (overseen by owner & noted wine writer Wilfred Wong), and smaller but thorough selections of cheeses, chocolates, canned olives & olive oils, mustards, honeys, boutique breads, and charcuterie. The deli case always features several tempting salads (Chicken Pasta with Spicy Peanut Sauce, Greek Pasta Salad) and lists terrific sandwiches on fresh breads (Roasted Leg of Lamb on Sourdough). I like that the deli/wine room is connected to the more mundane market, and that the staff are so available and friendly.

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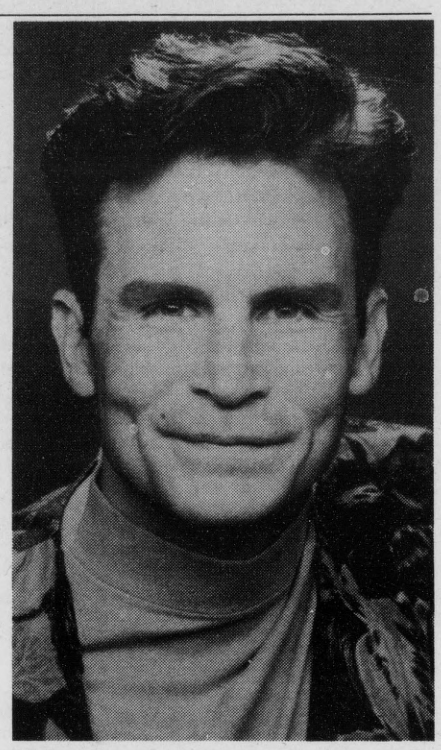
Memo From London

A summer visitor perusing London's theater marquees might well assume that Andrew Lloyd Webber has the situation under lock and key. Not quite, despite the fact that six of his musical epics are still going strong. Here are brief notes on two hits and a near miss that deserve your attention.

ANGELS IN AMERICA

Far and away the big London hit is a superb production of Tony Kushner's *Millennium Approaches,* Part I of his *Angels in America,* which premiered at our own Eureka Theatre and swept this year's Bay Area Critics Circle Awards.

Interweaving the disintegrating marriage of a Mormon couple, the collapsing relationship of a gay couple (one of whom has AIDS), and the sinister machinations of America's all-time anti-hero Roy Cohn, Kushner's shattering study of political corruption, mirroring the individual's desperate search for self-discovery, love and commitment, may well make drama's strongest social and political statement of this quarter century.



Michael Kearns, consummate entertainer, in his one-man show, "Rock," closing at Josie's on June 21.

Handsomely staged, acted by a fine cast, its many emotional moments are topped by the final scene in which the backdrop of a somewhat besmirched American flag cracks down the middle to reveal the heavenly angel who has come for Pryor, the rejected drag queen who is dying of AIDS.

Good as the London cast was (especially Marcus D'Amico as Pryor's lover, Louis, and Nick Reding as Joseph Pitt), the Eureka company's John Belluci (Roy Cohn), Stephen Spinelli (Pryor), and Ann Darragh (Harper Pitt) are more indelibly impressed upon my memory. When the Broadway production is mounted, these three *must* be called to audition. (Sir Ian McKellen went so far as to remark at the Tony Awards that when *Angels* comes to Broadway it will win all the Tonys. I say, "Amen.")

DANCING AT LUGHNASA

Brian Friel's memory play is Irish as a boiled potato, but if you'll indulge a slight lapse from sentiment into sentimentality, you'll need a moment at the end to blow your nose and compose yourself.

The story of five unmarried sisters (the youngest has an illegitimate son) living in a poor country house, the frail plot is a recollection of the tedium of their daily existence. One bakes, one cleans, one teaches, one knits, and the "special" sister holds the yarn.

They speak longingly of the upcoming harvest festival, Lughnasa (after the pagan god Lugh, who provided the rich crops) and the dancing that will be the principal communal activity. For a moment they plan to go and dance again, and then realize that, no longer young, they would undoubtedly be laughed at. Breaking this gloom in a remarkably theatrical and moving scene, one sister vents her pent-up frustration by slamming down the bread she is kneading, hikes up her skirts and begins to jig. One by one the other sisters join in abandoned frenzy and the pagan catharsis achieves an exquisite spirituality.

Dancing at Lughnasa is a sweet, lovely ensemble piece. The Abbey Theatre cast that introduced this play to Broadway has now departed and an American cast has taken over. (Playing Irish is one thing, *being* Irish is another.)

Joe Vanek, who designed the set—tall, yellow grasses growing high up the hill beyond the open kitchen—won the Bay Area Theatre Critics Award for his set design for the Theatre-on-the-Square's long-running *Phantom of the Opera.*

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN

A near miss, in my opinion, Ariel Dorfman's drama, much lauded in London, was the Broadway vehicle for which Glenn Close won her Tony. Strongly reminiscent of Mastrosimone's *Extremities,* this morally ambivalent, not very believable plot, concerns a female student who had earlier been kidnapped off the streets of a fascist South American city, tortured, raped, and finally set free. Now living in a secluded beach house with her husband (appointed by the new democratic government to flush out and prosecute the fascists), this "on-the-verge" wife overhears a midnight conversation between her husband and another man. She recognizes the voice as that of her torturer.

As though this coincidence were not enough to strain credulity, she manages to knock out the late-night visitor, truss him up, drag him past the bedroom where her husband is asleep, and set up her personal inquisition/trial. The awakened husband pleads for justice. Her concept of justice is to blow off her former torturer's balls with the gun she brandishes at both of the men. She opts for revenge. But will she pull the trigger? Or will she, when next they meet, politely nod to the man who once abused her? Three fine actors give their all to a contrived script.

Rock

Tall, tanned and handsome, Michael Kearns is back at Josie's with a new show, *Rock,* a theatrical melange of prime-time video snippets, an orgy scene from the hardcore film *L.A. Tool and Die,* some pertinent remarks about the film industry's attitude toward hiring HIV-infected actors, a personal recollection of a sexual encounter with Rock Hudson in a straight Hollywood bathhouse, and three very funny and poignant dramatic monologues.

While *Rock* is perhaps a little unfocused in execution, Kearns himself is a consummate entertainer, leaving us a little bedazzled with his multimedia mix of artifice and autobiography.

The only Hollywood actor to come out as HIV-positive, Kearns wonders on an "Entertainment Tonight" segment why he has had no job offers since making his public declaration. "I want to leave this planet with integrity, dignity and grace," he says. Having worked previously on such shows as "Cheers," "The Waltons," "Murder, She Wrote" and "General Hospital," he now asks, "Where have the jobs gone?" As a self-motivated spokesperson for other HIV-infected members of the film and television industry, he has dedicated considerable time and effort to stripping away the veil of homophobia and indifference that shields the entertainment industry leaders.

In a delightful throwaway bit about public attitudes toward HIV-positive people, Kearns describes how friends greet him with various versions of "How are you?" Each person inflects the phrase differently, as though practicing elocution lessons. Another friend, spying him across a crowded Safeway, phrases the words soundlessly, but with dramatic facial expression.

As in *intimacies* and the more recent *more intimacies,* Kearns' talent for writing and performing a diverse collection of fictionalized personalities is his forte. In *Rock,* he is young Rocky, son of a "disappeared" father and a mother obsessed with Rock Hudson. After selling off the furnishings of their trailer home, Mom and Rocky set out for Hollywood, where Mom is actually allowed a moment of prayer at the dying Hudson's bedside. Ready to board the Greyhound bus for the trip back home, Rocky is waylaid by a handsome stranger in the men's room. The bus pulls away as he is being deflowered. Rocky is now a citizen of the film capital.

On a dimmed stage and without benefit of costume, Kearns next utilizes a husky whisper and an over-the-shoulder posture to create a

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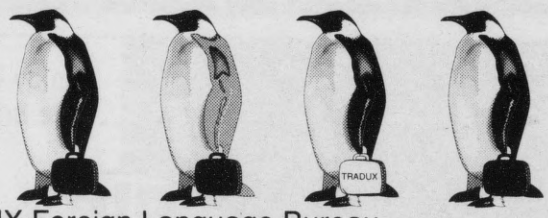

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Simon Gray's "Otherwise Engaged" at the Somar Theatre, thru June 27.

remarkable impression of Marilyn Monroe. Presumably calling from "up there," she recounts a phone conversation she had with the late Rock Hudson in which, crying drunkenly on the phone, he laments that neither of them had been nominated for an Academy Award that year. Breathily she reminds him that they are not considered actors by their peers, but sex symbols, and confides to us *sotto voce,* that while she is trying to make more of herself as a human being, Rock's true self has been derailed by his "public" image. "There's a little girl in me," he cries into the phone, and she can only reply, "Let her out."

In the third and most devastating portrait, Kearns is Reggie, one of a corps of Hollywood industry queens hired to "butch up" young Roy Fitzgerald in the 1950s and help turn that high-pitched, hip-swiveling, Midwestern kid into the American male role model, Rock Hudson. Reggie, now a "decrepit, old auntie" and HIV-infected himself, recalls the transformation with considerable hilarious wit, most of which is turned upon himself. It's mean and bitchy and probably a very accurate study of the studio system that created star personalities out of raw talent.

The final monologue describes a 1983 encounter between the young Kearns and Rock Hudson. Salaciously descriptive, Kearns recalls the moment Hudson first dropped his towel in the steam room for their X-rated coupling.

In a brief but touching final litany, Kearns lists any number of sexual partners from whom he may have contracted the virus. "It may have been Rock," he mentions several times, when once might have been enough, as though, unsure of his own talent to move us, he must impress us with a "star" association.

Kearns does not preach, he entertains. But the message is there. Do not miss this special hour with a one-of-a-kind actor.

Rock continues at Josie's through June 21. Call 861-7933.

Otherwise Engaged

After three relentlessly obscure and tedious theatrical outings this past week, what a pleasure to witness a cleverly written, handsomely staged, well-acted and seamlessly directed play. The Chamber Theatre production of Simon Gray's *Otherwise Engaged* is just that.

Simon, a middle-aged publisher—liberal, intelligent and reasonably moral—is beset by some minor distractions in his London flat on what otherwise was to have been a quiet Saturday afternoon. The several overlapping interruptions so compound themselves that in the time it would have taken to listen to a new recording of *Parsifal,* he finds his personal life in shreds.

David Booth, in a remarkably subtle, compassionate portrayal, is Simon. His "alone, at last" demeanor tenses when the upstairs renter and erstwhile student barges in to cadge a loan and quick drink. A few introductory bars of Wagner are interrupted next by brother Stephen (Tom Woosnam) who is in despair, convinced he will not be promoted for having farted during an interview with the school board and headmaster.

Critic/writer Jeffrey then enters, trades insults with Stephen, who is on his way out, and is in the process of getting drunk when he is traced to the flat by his current lover, Davina (Sidney H. Markus). Feeding him a fictitious tale that his ex-wife has attempted suicide, Davina sends him off and stays behind. She promptly removes her soaked blouse (Jeffrey had tossed a drink in her face) and, settling back on the sofa, she and Simon discuss the prospect of his nuzzling her tits. Simon decides no, he would rather publish her book than have sex with her and, having won that concession, Davina covers her breasts and departs.

The next knock reveals mousey Mr. Wood, who admits to having lusted after Simon when they were in school together. Apparently, Simon was sleeping around with other boys, but not with Wood. Wood also admits that his life is a failure, that he is trapped in a failed marriage, and that his two sons have failed to get into the right schools. His immediate quest is the whereabouts of a young woman whom he keeps but who will not sleep with him, and who had an appointment at Simon's office. Pursuing his masochistic questioning, he learns that Simon interviewed her, had sex with her, and then she left. Wood suffers fur-

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ther indignity when Simon's brother returns and, like Simon, cannot remember him from school.

When the brothers are alone again, Stephen accuses Simon of being indifferent to other people's lives and maliciously advises him that his wife is having an affair with a colleague. On this bleak note, wife Beth (Esther Mulligan) returns and, surmising that Simon knows all, insists on talking about it.

Civilized Simon pleads to avoid the discussion, hoping to preserve the status quo, but Beth persists. She hates him, she says, but will stay with him anyway. When she goes off to her bath, Simon is left to pick up what is left of the status quo. He has been brought to account for the dissolution of half a dozen personal and impersonal relationships.

Tom Woosnam as brother Stephen, Sidney H. Markus as Davina and Blake Maxam as the self-effacing Wood brought especially commendable insights to their roles. But the play turns on David Booth's ingratiating portrayal of a man who, intent upon doing and saying the right thing, hears instead his own silent scream of desperation.

Funny, witty, adult, *Otherwise Engaged* plays at the Somar Theatre, 934 Brannan at 9th, Thursdays through Saturdays through June 27. Call (415) 931-6011.

Lost in Yonkers

To no one's surprise, Neil Simon's Pulitzer- and Tony-winning comedy is vintage Simon. Featuring Mercedes McCambridge as iron-willed Grandma Kurnitz and Jeff Maynard and Alex Dezen as the two smart-alecky adolescent grandsons dumped in her lap by a son on the lam from a loan shark, the play's first and overlong scene sets us up for a rhythm pattern of line, pause, punch line. Assuming that the play was to be about the melting of Grandma by the two unbearably cute boys, I was pleased to discover it was really about Grandma's emotionally stunted daughter, Bella.

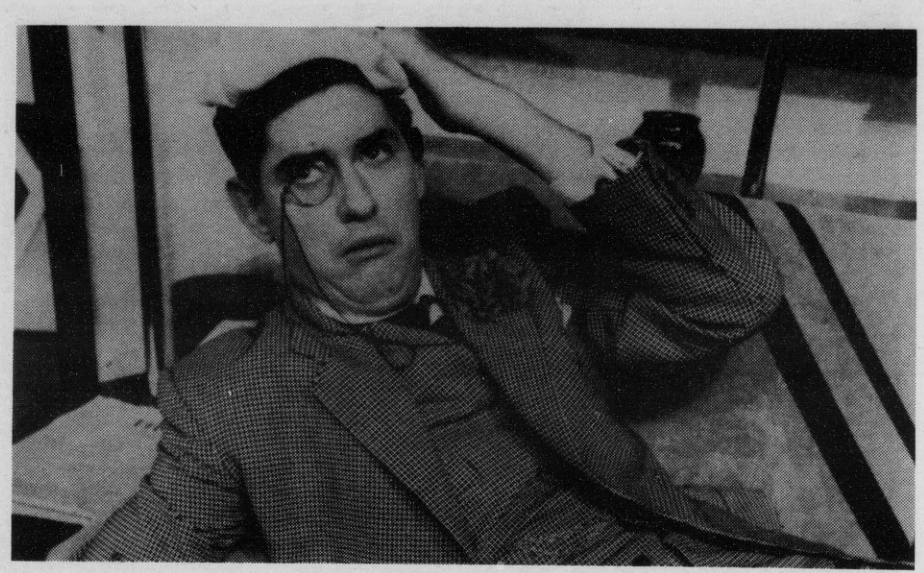
A German-Jewish refugee, Grandma Kurnitz firmly believes you must be like steel to survive and she has reared her family accordingly. Having grown up without any semblance of love or compassion in their lives, the results are textbook cases: Uncle Louie (Ned Eisenberg) is a petty bagman for the mob; the boys' father (Martin Shakar) is a wimp and a failure; Aunt Gert (Polly Adams) has been traumatized into a gulping speech pattern; and childlike Bella, physically mature but emotionally insecure, craves a husband and children.

Simon cheats us somewhat with vague hints at the cause of Bella's mental state. A childhood bout with scarlet fever is mentioned. We also learn that Grandma frequently hit Stella on the head and locked her in a dark closet. Was she simply overprotected from a hostile world? More mentally scarred than incompetent, Stella's final challenge to Grandma reveals that, left to her own devices, she might develop into a relatively normal person.

Ah, would that life were so heartwarmingly simple as Simon's cop-out ending.

But it *is* Simon, after all, and the audience is conditioned. Two women behind me began laughing with the first line and, pausing only for Bella's poignant rebellion, laughed throughout.

Lost in Yonkers continues at the Curran Theatre through June 28. Call (510) 762-BASS.



Jeeves Takes Charge

Jeeves is back. This paragon of haughty virtue, this man's man of impeccable taste, is again spreading tasteful mirth and belly laughter as he dissects British social custom pre-World War II. Jeeves is again accompanied by young Bertie Wooster (motoring, squash, fancy dress balls), and it is mostly man-about-town Bertie that Jeeves dissects. Both valet and master are played by Edward Duke and let us say at once that there is none funnier. He has honed his one-man show to brilliant perfection.

Jeeves will be with us a bare fortnight longer, so I urge you to hasten. For a couple of hours he will take you back to a simpler time before Bush, Perot and Clinton took *their* comedy acts on the road.

By extending his upper jaw, leering wildly behind his monocle, braying like an ass at his own stories, and slouching, pelvis thrust out, Duke has created the consummate upper-class twit. But when a slight facial tick releases the monocle, the shoulders rear back, and the voice slides downhill a reproving octave or two, Jeeves takes charge.

From the morning-after pick-me-up, to wardrobe and romance, ring for Jeeves. "A lot of people ask me about my tailor," Bertie remarks pridefully at his first meeting with Jeeves. "Doubtless to avoid him, sir," Jeeves advises.

By dropping a few uncomplimentary remarks about Bertie's fiancee, Lady Florence Crave, Jeeves manages to sabotage the affair altogether, knowing full well that when a new mistress comes in the front door, the butler goes out the back. No great loss, however, Bertie admits; she only looked good in profile.

Bounding across the stage in great leaps, Duke is suddenly another of 12 different characters. He flings himself on the sofa, crosses his legs and is at once his fiancee, Lady Florence, giving imperious orders (and practically begging for instant strangulation). He screws up his face until it resembles a carp too long out of water and whinnies through a devastating portrait of old school chum Gussie Fink-Nottle. He tells a slightly off-color story (forgetting the punch line) at a table full of aunts, notably Agatha and Dahlia bringing on a "silence you could have dug bits out of with a spoon."

Aunt Agatha has her revenge: no more of her chef's superb dessert unless he sings "Sonny Boy" and tap dances at her cake sale/benefit. No, no, no, and he is adamant. But the dessert wins out and there is Bertie singing "Sonny Boy" and doing the most dreadful tap dance a beat or two off the music, while grinning ingratiatingly.

Conceived and adapted by Duke himself from the works of P.G. Wodehouse, the comedy offers not one whit of social significance. It is a cartoon of an age that never was and as such is swell beyond swell. If you dare to confess you don't like it I will personally pack you off for a long weekend in the country with Aunts Agatha and Dahlia.

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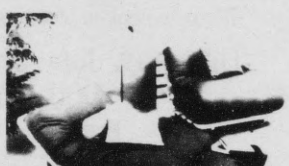

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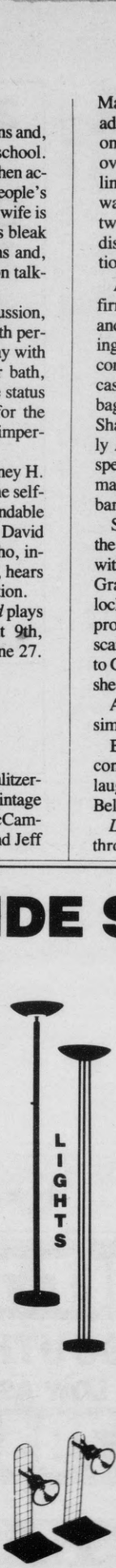

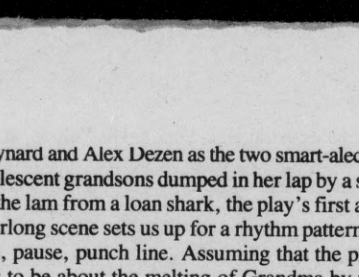

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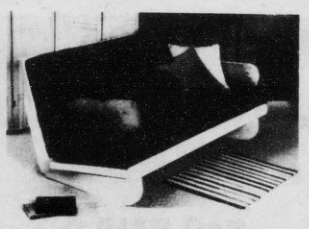

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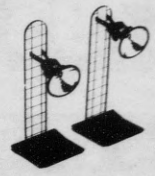

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The Lost Language of Cranes

Transposed from New York to suburban London, from a Jewish family to a WASP one, this adaptation of David Leavitt's novel works out to be an identifiably BBC-style bourgeois drama with a gay twist. The flaws come less from the made-for-TV feeling of it, than from the overcharged ambiguity around the gay subject matter. What I thought I would like most about the film is that which ultimately disappointed me the most. The film was so saturated with gay content that the gay presence felt heavy-handed and completely overdetermined. In fact, it seemed rather fagocentric—the protagonist, his boyfriend, his boyfriend's two gay male parents, his own father and his father's new male trick make up the family cast, all of them alongside his straight female mother. Since the mother is nowhere near to being a fag hag, her out-of-placeness makes for a contrived sort of stab at social drama aimed at including the straight viewing audience, while actually excluding it.

After Philip comes out to his parents, his father finally seizes the opportunity to resolve his melodramatic angst concerning his own undisclosed-for-years, closeted homosexuality. Actually, at the same fateful time that Philip is preparing to disclose his secret, his dad Owen just happens to be spending his first night away from his lifelong companion Rose, having sex with a man he picked up at a gay bar. Everything seems to be stacked up ever so neatly in a suggestion of meaningfulness, but I'm not at all sure what it's all supposed to signify.

What is Leavitt telling us about homosexuality? What is the son's relationship to his father in terms of homosexual identity? Is Philip's gay identity a fulfillment of his dad's longtime unconscious and hidden desires? Is Philip's homosexuality a genetic phenomenon? Although Owen slept with his wife for decades, he claims he wasn't really heterosexual because he was fantasizing about making love to men. Was the relationship between Owen and Rose a sham to the core? Can you really love someone when the heart of the relationship is submerged in lies and falsehoods, in a place where basic, deep and true emotions are denied?

The discussion between father and son about bisexuality wasn't too earth-shattering, but it did clarify things a bit. Owen, the father, says self-consciously that he guesses everyone is really bisexual. Philip disagrees, and tells his father that it's too simplistic a theory, and that it's often claimed as an excuse and is used as a way to avoid the truth. Philip himself was always gay, and although he lived much of his adult life hiding the truth about his homosexuality from his parents, he never hid it from himself. On the other hand, the father used his heterosexual marriage as a smokescreen, as a way of avoiding the truth about himself and his sexual attraction to men. Rose offered him security and a way of repressing both his guilt and the risk involved in changing his life around completely.

The place where *The Lost Language of Cranes* breaks away from chatter and plot manipulation to express real emotion is with the depiction and enactment of resentment, humiliation and anger as the estranged husband and wife finally let into each other. This is the peak moment in the film; perhaps the first time in the years of their relationship together where the truth comes bursting out, and the pain absolutely demands recognition. At this point they are pressed to deal with the problem, however defensive they may be, however sad. The idealistic implication is that in the end everyone will be better off in their own worlds.

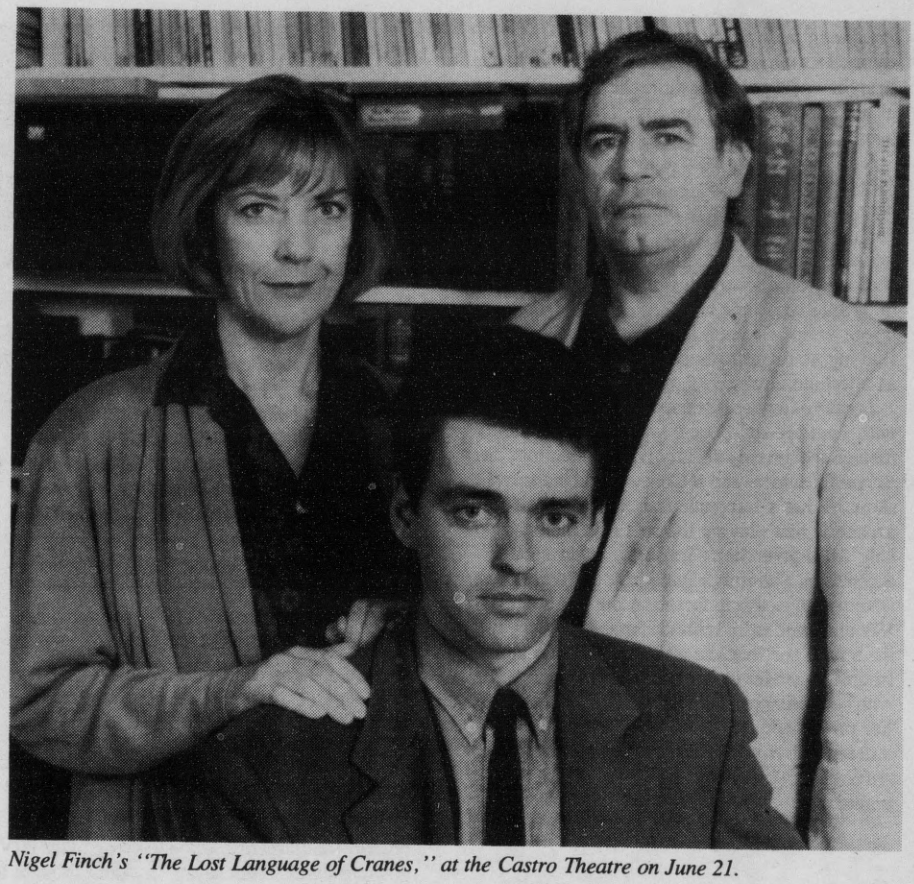
The Twin Bracelets

Billed as a lesbian version of *Raise the Red Lantern*, this recent Hong Kong/Taiwan feature film is certain to be a highlight of this year's Festival. The film, written and directed by women, follows the fate of Hui-Hua, a young girl in love with her best friend, in the remote backwaters of China. Even though the film takes place in the '80s, the peasants are so out of it that they have never heard of the concept of divorce. The society is built around unquestionable male authority, the inferiority of the female gender, enforced hard labor, arranged marriages, and sexual repression. Teenage brides are bought solely for the purpose of procreating male children. In this medieval throwback world, two girls fall in love with each other and exchange vows that they will be "sister man and wife; to live together and die together."

The Twin Bracelets is melodramatic, operatic and tragic all at the same time. Passion is not explicit, but stylized as a sensualized love which is charged with an implicit eroticism. The love turns obsessive.

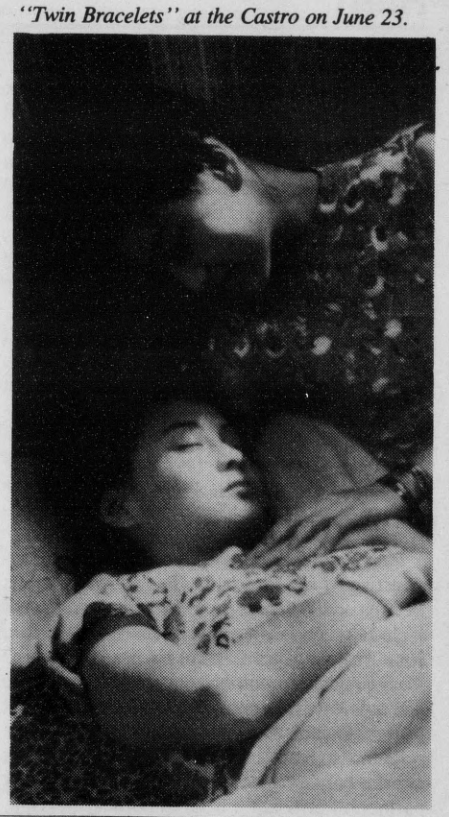
Hui-Hua is as obsessed with her longing for freedom from the unbearable social conditions as she is romantically obsessed with Hsui. Despite the futility of the role, Hui-Hua remains the faithful and sacrificing lover. She struggles on both fronts tirelessly, and her spirit is a heroic role model for the female gender. Hui-Hua is a lone warrior. She submits to no man, not for family money, status, or physical protection from the brutality of other men.

The *Twin Bracelets* is very romantic and very melancholic. The film is not exactly a morale booster for modern film-going lesbians. But *The Twin Bracelets* is certainly quaint, and the cinematography is beautiful. The two girls are lovely to watch together, especially after they grow out of their giggly stage and mature into intense young women learning about emotional love. The glimpses into tribal Chinese peasant society and the look at a world of women living together in relative daily isolation from men is interesting to see.



Nigel Finch's "The Lost Language of Cranes," at the Castro Theatre on June 21.

"Twin Bracelets" at the Castro on June 23.



Gender Shorts

Making a strong showing this year are a number of excellent short films on gender identity. Gay male drag claims its place in the sun, along with lesbian butch/femme and androgynous transvestism, transsexuality (female-to-male and vice versa in varying degrees of pre- and post-operative sex change), modern-day eunuchs in India, bearded ladies, lesbians in Jesus drag, and an overview of the Native American Berdache phenomenon.

Transgressions in terms of sex roles, gender costuming, sex play, theatrical inventiveness and cross-gendered occupations have always been a hallmark of gay life, which has always existed in some form along the continuum in every culture. Acknowledging and examining gender issues within the lesbian/gay community in historical contexts is certainly a perfect sort of *fin de siecle* pursuit. This year's 16th Annual Festival gives us a good look at what's being explored and it also provides a forum for transsexuals to speak for themselves alongside other transgendered individuals.

What is it like to be a woman with a beard? *Juggling Gender*, by filmmaker Tami Gold, is a video portrait of Jennifer Miller, who is a "bearded lady" at a Coney Island sideshow. Jennifer is also

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an intellectual, and a lesbian theater artist. In the straight world people assume she's a man except in the summer when her breasts are more apparent.

Jennifer grew up in an academic family on the East Coast. When she was 17, she started to have beard hair. It grew in gradually, not all at once, and in the beginning it was simply an "unmentionable" occurrence. Soon it was so thick that shaving would always leave a shadow, and Jennifer felt that people were seeing her as someone trying to hide something. She decided to stop shaving, to revert to naturalness and to come out as a lesbian circus performer.

Juggling Gender is constructed from interviews with Jennifer and people who know her, from footage shot on the streets of N.Y., at feminist circus performances and at Coney Island in the freak show. What's interesting about Jennifer's approach is that playing the role of "the bearded lady" has given her a sense of power and self-acceptance. She embraces her role as "other" and acknowledges that in fact she *is* the bearded lady. Her audience is hit with the image they entered the tent to see, but she also gives them a comic lecture on gender identity, and perhaps they leave with a different perspective. Jennifer says she gets her power and self-confidence from having no secrets and from no longer feeling obliged to strive for womanly perfection or for being mainstream.

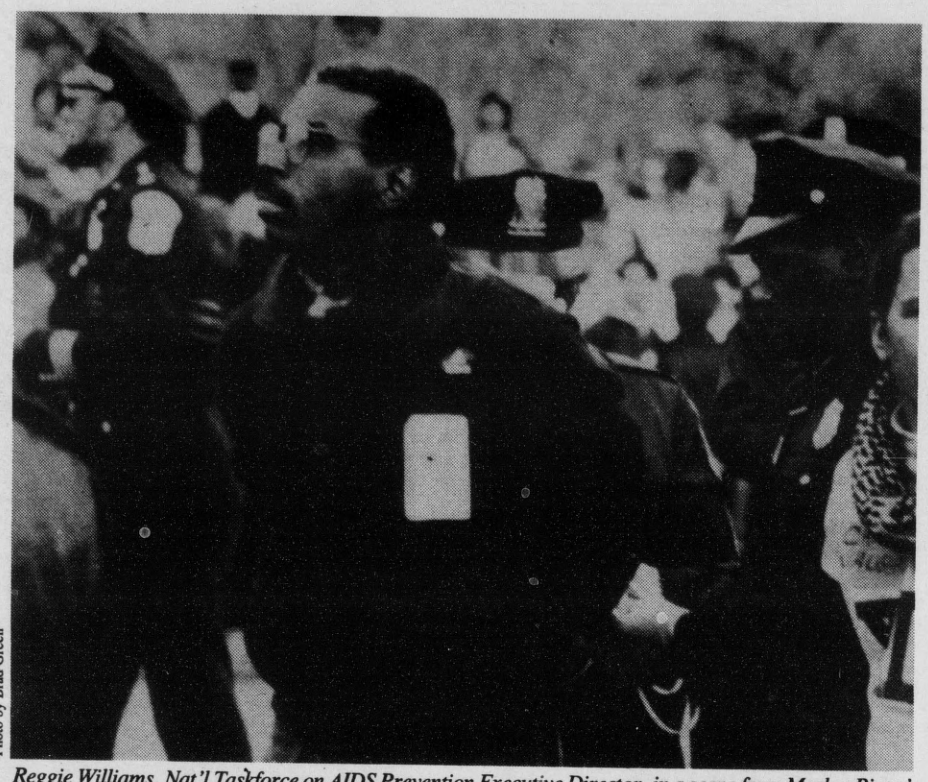


Photo by Brad Green

Reggie Williams, Nat'l Taskforce on AIDS Prevention Executive Director, in a scene from Marlon Riggs' video.

Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien

REVIEWED BY THOM BEAN

Edith Piaf's song, "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien," served a mantra for the late David Frechette, a Black gay man (BGM) who was sexually active and had AIDS; he wrote a poem with the same title. Now Marlon Riggs' film, also of the same title, is a very short look at five interesting, attractive, articulate BGM's who share no regrets; they are HIV-positive and still living full lives.

A la *Word Is Out*, Riggs films Assoto Saint, Reggie Williams, Michael Lee, Joseph Long and Donald Woods individually discussing the process of "coming out," accepting and talking about their seropositive status. However, no differentiation was made in the film between being HIV positive and having full-blown AIDS. Perhaps more than "coming out," positive status quickens and sharpens the never-ending search for identity and value in our lives.

Riggs' choices in BGM were eclectic and interesting, if not surprising. The warmth and wit of Saint and Williams shine through. But why not include other BGM activists like Phil Wilson, John Teamer, Bart Casimir or Brandy Moore? They could have contributed more diversity in age and political awareness. Since the film is so short (40 minutes), why not have included some reference to Saint's lifemate? Williams and Saint are the only two men featured with permanent partners. Partnership is an important message. Williams' partner, Tim Isbell, was mentioned and shown in the film.

A highlight—and a first for Riggs—was the showcasing of Linda Tillery singing her ass off in silhouette. Tillery did an a capella rendition of "Freedom" that was both powerful and far more compelling than the random-thought verse, written and recited by Woods. Tillery was in touch with the same pain, the same culture, the same primal feelings of which the men spoke. Her gospel expression evokes, inspires: "Oh, freedom; Oh, freedom over me! / I will never be a slave, go in silence to my grave. / When I go home, I'll be strong, I'll be free!"

Fade to faces—highlighted mouths, eyes, as each man recounts the impact of finding out his diagnosis. There was denial, depression, panic and humor. One of the most difficult achievements in the world is to survive as a Black male. Add to that being gay and having AIDS. Riggs wisely did not lead us down a path of self-pity and invective. Humor soothed (but did not obscure) stark reality. Upon learning of his HIV-positive status, Saint says: "...And I thought to myself: Bitch! Did you think you would escape?"

At first, Woods did not want to communicate, to disclose. He did not want to be perceived as sick; as "other." He did not want to be different from other gay men. Woods observes: "Denial prevents you from being dismissed."

But, in the end, all five came out HIV-positive to the world. All five shared a spotlight for the greater good. As a result, other BGM will know they are not alone.

MOTHER KNOWS

In working through their fear of disclosure, Saint, Williams and Lee all talked about the ways in which their respective mothers found out about their HIV status. Williams did not want to burden his mother. His aunt told her. Yet, his mother, who was dying of cancer, tried to encourage him to be strong and to hold on to life. " 'Baby, they are doing some wonderful things with AIDS and...cancer. We can beat this. We just have to be strong and have to hang on.' I will never forget her saying those things to me."

Lee chose to send his mother a letter. Neither Long nor Woods spoke of their mothers. Not one word was uttered about anybody's father. The conspicuous absence of fathers aids in the ethnic notion of matriarchy. The day Saint found out he was HIV-positive, he worried about his mother's stress. That day, Micki, the family dog, was put to sleep. His mother's grief over the dog led him to speculate: "What would it be like for my mother the day I die...I was 30 years old, and my mother's only child. That hurt."

At first, the importance of being dead was not believable. That is, it didn't feel as important as it might be. Perhaps this was too left-brain for me, or I was still processing "spiritual broccoli" from the poem. These are very civilized soliloquies from men who are going to die, perhaps sooner than the rest of us! Men die peacefully, angrily, with/without honor, violently, with foreboding—but only rarely with no feeling. With only no regrets. On the other hand, among the men in this film, there is a quiet dignity, a resolve to go with style, to be sexual to the end, to be honest, to celebrate who they are and go unbowed.

After "coming out" to family and friends, these men go on with their lives in their own ways. Long, the oldest and perhaps most traditional of the five men featured, seeks comfort through the church. There are many BGM like him. Long talks about being an alcoholic in recovery and having had low self-esteem. Broadening awareness of AIDS in the Black church is his legacy. "I was in the closet for 40 years before I could go amongst my own peers and feel I was somebody."

Ironically, for Long, becoming HIV-positive has been a liberating experience. The prospect of death through AIDS prompted him to accept himself.

FEAR OF EXCLUSION

Juxtaposed against an ad for HIV-negative men only, Williams questions his appeal to other men. Long went from "not wanting to kill anyone" and sexual abstinence since 1983, to advocating safe sex. Lee talks of having phone sex, of feeling different. "For me, it's really about being honest and only having honest, valuable relationships in my life."

There is a correlation between the depression and marginalization that AIDS patients feel regarding their physical appearance and the response by gay men in general to those who get older, fatter, thinner, balder or lose their physical allure. The problem is bigger than only HIV-positive men being rejected by HIV-negative men. The problem has always been glamour vs. substance, and how each is valued in the gay community. But nobody talked about that.

The lack of support systems for BGM with AIDS is barely mentioned. But celebrities are taken to task. Saint admonishes famous people for not coming out and trying to do some good before they are on their death beds. "We have many leaders dying of HIV illness without the community ever knowing they were ill. They deny ...the community a chance to reach out to them [by being silent]. They usually are 'outed' in their obituary...or on their deathbeds. And I say 'shame'."

Woods observes that our American culture equates health with morality. He faults celebrities for apologizing for their health status and moralizing. "I have a problem with celebrities moralizing about having gotten it; about people being made to feel they should apologize for their health."

The film notes that among those not reported as having died of AIDS are Alvin Ailey, the Reverend James Cleveland, Willi Smith, Patrick Kelly and Max Robinson. In the background were the contrite images of Magic Johnson and Arthur Ashe.

This film is polite—no tears. This film is eloquent, analytic and middle-class. There are no Bangee boys. And the street children were not asked to attend. Yet, this film has vision and a focus. There is some anger—mainly Saint's. Steve Langely's and Blackberri's music is wonderful. However, the film does not offer solutions on processing guilt and shame. This film showcases both human strength and human frailty. Perhaps the most liberating aspect shown is that coming out brings about personal growth; all five BGM were the better for it. And we are more aware for having seen *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien.*

Chasnoff Dances Away With Oscar for "Deadly Deception"

BY VICKI PHILLIPS

While gay and lesbian activists circled the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion calling for silver screen stars to fess up and come out at the Academy Awards in March, one lesbian did come out—to the Academy, and to everyone else in the televised world who just happened to be watching.

Debra Chasnoff, producer and director of *Deadly Deception: General Electric, Nuclear Weapons and Our Environment*, won the Academy Award for best short documentary, and in her acceptance speech made a point to acknowledge her life partner, who had nothing to do with the actual production of the film in question.

After thanking the normal list of production people, and INFACT, the Boston-based grassroots organization that conceptualized and funded the winning film *Deadly Deception* as part of its long-standing boycott efforts against G.E., Chasnoff declared: "And finally I want to thank my friends and my family, particularly Kim Klausner, my life partner, who always had faith in me, and our son Noah, for reminding me on a daily basis why it is so important not to give up, and to keep working for peace and justice."

If you asked Chasnoff to repeat her acceptance speech, she would groan and say, "Oh, don't make me." I know because I asked her to do just that not long ago at her Mission Street office, headquarters for her company, "Women's Educational Media," which handles general media tasks for agencies such as the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office and the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

Though the Academy Awards had passed by the time I caught up with Chasnoff, her phone was still constantly pleading to be picked up. "I'm just going to let that ring," Chasnoff assured me. And she did, as we continued to talk about her life and work in her two-room office, which had a lived-in, worked-in, paper-everywhere decor.

CHOOSING CHILDREN

Debra Chasnoff did not start out dreaming of winning an Academy Award. After graduating from Wellesley with a rather staid degree in economics, she became a 9-to-5 rate analyst for a telecommunications consulting firm. Her clients were big corporations like Westinghouse. After hours, Chasnoff organized for the Clam Shell Alliance, a New England group working to stop the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

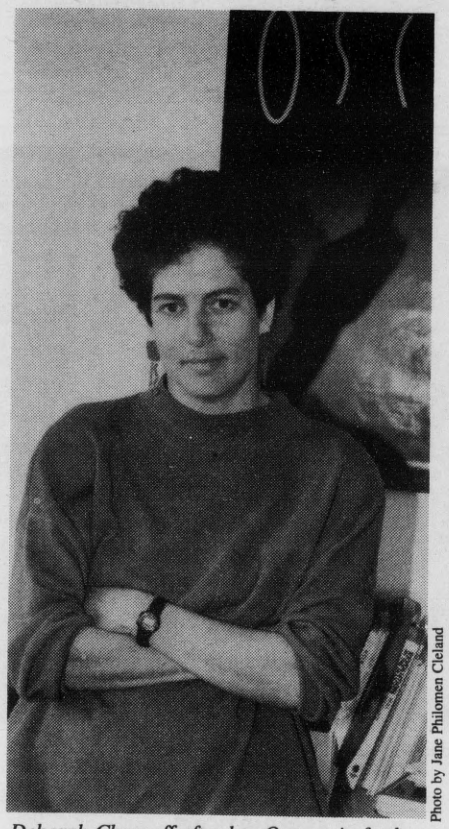
After nine months as a rate analyst, Chasnoff began to see "that my clients during the day were the same people I was organizing against at night. I couldn't bear the contradiction," says Chasnoff, "so I quit."

Chasnoff then took a job editing the progressive economics magazine *Dollars and Sense.* It was during this period that she and her partner, Kim Klausner, first became inspired to create a "how to" film for lesbians interested in having children.

Despite a lack of practical knowledge, the idea haunted Chasnoff and Klausner. "At the time," explained Chasnoff, "the lesbians we knew were privately ruminating about whether or not they *could* have children. None of us knew any lesbians who had had children since coming out. We only knew lesbians who had children from previous straight marriages."

Starting with a pamphlet on artificial insemination, the only resource available in the Boston women's community at that time, Chasnoff and Klausner began to mentally and financially script their first documentary film.

To get money for the film, which eventually cost $40,000, Chasnoff and Klausner "nickel-and-dimed" their way through small fundraisers in lesbian communities across the nation. Grants eventually came in enough force that they were



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Deborah Chasnoff after her Oscar win for best documentary.

able to film their groundbreaking documentary *Choosing Children.*

The problem was that Chasnoff and Klausner did not know even the simplest film techniques. "We couldn't even focus a camera," said Chasnoff with a shrug. "I still can't."

The woman who saved their lives and taught them filmmaking was Margaret Lazarus, of Cambridge Documentary Films. "As we went along we'd go to Margaret and say, 'Well, now what do we do?' and 'What's edge cutting mean?'... Margaret would tell us; and that's honestly how we made our first film."

G.E.'S DEADLY DECEPTION

Deadly Deception has a clear message. It charges that G.E., the people who "bring good things to life," have brought some not-so-good things to the lives of those who have lived or worked around G.E.'s many nuclear weapons plants. More specifically, it charges G.E. with knowingly irradiating babies, livestock and even its own employees.

The film opens with a drive down a strip of road in Washington state, near the Hanford bomb plant, which G.E. operated for the government between 1946 and 1965. That strip is now known as "Death Mile." A man named Tom, who used to live there, tells the story of 27 out of 28 families who suffered deadly cancers and birth defects from the downwind effects of radiation releases.

During Tom's speech, the film flips to warm-and-fuzzy cuts from G.E.'s famous "we bring good things to life" media campaign, which costs the company $38 million a year to send out across the airwaves. "People helping people is a part of everything we do!" sings a peppy G.E. announcer. "We go hand in hand, you and me; we are friends in the invisible tapestry!"

But Tom, a neighbor of G.E. for most of his life, doesn't think so. He continues to tell his story, which includes babies born without eyes and skulls, and a mother who drowned herself in a bathtub in the face of such deformity.

CHASNOFF HAD HER DOUBTS

When INFACT, a group dedicated to stopping the life-threatening abuses of transnational companies, approached Chasnoff with the idea for *Deadly Deception,* the filmmaker was at first "skeptical." She had no misgivings about INFACT; she had worked on their successful boycott of Nestle. What she wasn't sure about was their strategy of going after G.E. as a way of halting nuclear weapons manufacturing nationwide and holding companies accountable for toxic releases into the environment.

But when the idea of using G.E.'s own corporate image against them in the form of borrowing their "Good Things" footage was laid on the table, Chasnoff jumped at the chance. Said Chasnoff: "Besides being against nuclear weapons, I abhor corporate image advertising. The idea that I could talk back to TV and have my response to those ads was a real kick to me."

G.E.'S REACTIONS

What does G.E. think of *Deadly Deception* and INFACT's continued plea that consumers boycott G.E. products? No one in G.E.'s San Francisco Environmental Programs Division was "authorized" to comment. "Gee," said a young man in that office, "that's really a sensitive issue. You better talk to headquarters."

At headquarters, even a benign question like, "Can you tell me about G.E.'s environmental care programs?" brought the standard line, "I'll fax you the press release. That's all the comment I can make."

So, what does the press release say? In a nutshell, it dismisses the film as a "litany of erroneous allegations."

But Chasnoff claimed otherwise. "Everything in that film is fact-checked up the wazoo. We have two sources for every fact. We left out anything we couldn't verify."

Elaine Lamy, executive director of INFACT, concurred. "I find it curious that Slater and G.E. continue to say we make false allegations, but refuse to say what those allegations are. I challenge them to come forward and say what is erroneous."

Slater's press release had one sentence underlined: "The Academy Award the film received was for technique and has nothing to do with accuracy of content."

Chasnoff had her own opinion on that matter. "That's not what the members of the Academy who shook my hand and said they voted for my film told me... when people finish watching that

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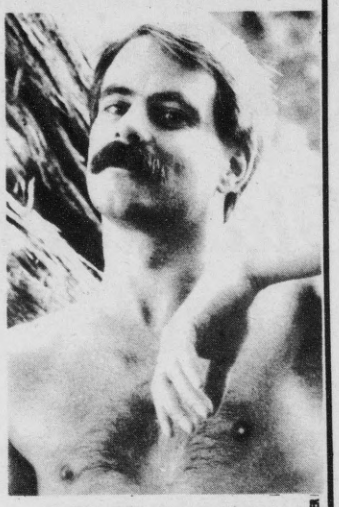
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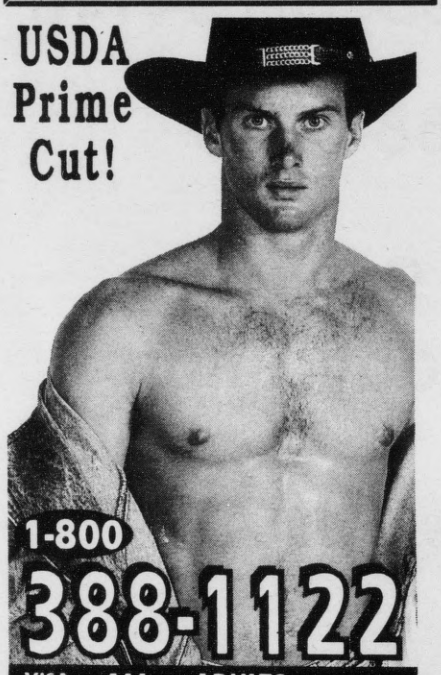
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BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

In Search of The Perfect Rifampin Tan

At a tender age, my Mom ingrained in me the ability to manage misfortunes through ironic examination. Unfortunately, however, sometimes my cynicism fails me.

Crying on the phone to Mom, a mere hatchling of 18, I explained to her that I had just lost my downwardly-mobile job serving gourmet ice cream and slivers of designer cakes to ungrateful Volvo-driving yuppies in Seattle. With her usual wisdom, which has salvaged my collision-bound psyche numerous times, she provided me with a credo which has kept me going through the worst of times: *"Can't you just laugh?"*

I'd lost my job, I didn't know if I could make rent, and I was sustaining myself on macaroni and tomato sauce, a diet I've returned to many times since.

But Mom's words rang true. As pathetic as I was, it was kind of amusing. No matter how nasty times may seem, situations tend to turn for the better if you can just sit out the bad times.

(Of course, Mom didn't know that after taking that monetary nosedive I'd taken out an ad in the *Seattle Gay News* which read, "Blake: Want a slice of All-American apple pie?" followed by my vibrating pager's voice mailbox number. But, well... some things you just don't tell your Mom.)

Sitting on the couch with my old flame Johnny O last weekend, I mused over my psyche-preserving motto as we rifled through a bag of panty hose, slack suits and assorted baubles, which he was giving me before he moved home to live with his family in Williamsville, New York.

A tape recorder-sized machine whirred beside him as we dug through his collected drag, pumping mysterious clear fluid through tubes which disappeared under his pajama top.

"Don't lose this one," he warned, handing me a gaudy silver '70s trinket. "It's got a lot of memories for me."

As we rummaged, my mind slid back to Pink Saturday the year before. I remembered seeing Johnny bobbing through the crowd from my vantage point on the DJ platform in front of the Names Project. Plodding down the sidewalk through the mob, Johnny was wearing the cone-tittied, white, quilted one-piece bikini, pink fur pumps, and lavender elephant bell floral gauchos I'd loaned him, accented by an ample dollop of catastrophe-inspired makeup, and a bouffant gone flat from months spent in a box.

I was amused, though kind of horrified, as I

Ggreg Taylor and friends partying at last year's parade.

After the proper amount of preliminary "how've-you-been"ing and catching up, we started making out in his hospital bed.

kissed him through his chunky lipstick, perhaps seeing for the first time how boys must view me in full drag.

I'd met him at a Golden Bull Solstice party months before, chatting with him on the elevated patio by the living room, later trading rug burns on a swatch of shag upstairs.

Outside on the porch, long before we got busy examining each other's secret-special places, he explained that his healthy tan was a side effect of Rifampin, an AIDS medication which combats opportunistic infections.

Johnny O is a beautiful, intellectually engaging boy, and his HIV status served as no deterrent toward my sexual generosity. As far as I know I'm negative, but I assume that all my partners are positive, and copulate accordingly. I became sexually active in 1984, the year AIDS made the cover of *Newsweek*, and have known no other way.

PRIOR ASSUMPTIONS

I tend to chase older men. As a general rule, if it's not 30, I'm not interested. In San Francisco that tends to mean I chase men who are HIV-positive.

Running a finger down the personals section, the ads chain together in a parade of denial:

"You are a nonsmoker, HIV-, into hot sex and quiet times."

"We are both HIV-, stable, health conscious."

Perhaps I am overly zealous, but I despise these discriminatory personals as much as ones which read "no fats, no fems."

There is a vast difference between fear of infection versus fear of loss. No one wants to watch as someone dear wastes away, so the fear of abandonment is understandable. But fear of seroconversion, though legitimate, is misguided.

One never truly knows the sexual history of their partners, so one must always play safely. The only choice is to invariably assume your partner is positive. Someone who relies on the words of others regarding their HIV status is taking a grave and unnecessary risk.

Boys like Johnny are a rare and treasured commodity, combining beauty and generosity without conceit. It's not often I can find a twirled queen compatible with my neuroses, bounding along on a wavelength harmonic to my own.

His HIV status generated empathy in me, not fear.

MINUTE MAID AND ABSOLUT

My first trip to see Johnny at Davies Medical Center resembled a pleasant house call. He didn't

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look all too different, except for the dark patches of KS which peeked out from under the gauze on his legs. He had recently started chemotherapy and whined a bit about soon being bald like me. I suggested he not worry until his eyebrows started to go as well. After the proper amount of preliminary "how've-you-been"ing and catching up, we started making out in his hospital bed which, though a bit awkward, was exciting and naughty.

The next hospital visit, however, smacked of mortality. He had lost 40 pounds in the intervening weeks, and lay in his bed like a flesh marionette, manipulated by IV tubes which dangled from whirring boxes above.

I sat and chatted with him, eating his dry chicken-strip hospital meal, which he didn't have the appetite to finish. (One would assume that at $700 per day, a hospital could provide food superior to a $65 Ramada Inn. Perhaps *Diseased Pariah News*, a crass PWA 'zine with a brilliant dark sense of humor, could create a hospital food review section.)

A procession of doctors and therapists passed through the room, poking and prodding and massaging as I munched and he spoke.

After leaving the hospital I felt barren, having never dealt with the devastation AIDS can wreak so intimately.

Taking a walk along the Embarcadero with my friend Ken, downing Absolut-drenched Minute Maid from a carton, I sobbed uncontrollably as we passed under the mercury vapor lamps lining the waterfront.

I felt wrong—like I was grieving the passing of a friend before his death. He could live another decade, or another week, but the suffering of his situation overwhelmed me.

Since Johnny departed for the East Coast, excitement over life with the cultural elite seems vain and petty.

I hate it when my credo fails me.

MUCH TO DO ABOUT NOTHING

With the world descending upon our quaint village for Gay Pride weekend, locals can only offer apologies and shrugs when questioned about the state of SF nitelife. Discofantasyland has plummeted into uninspired, chemical-driven doldrums, leaving the hardcore club-goers again scratching their furrowed brows, wondering what happened. Though there is much to do, it seems to be much to do about nothing.

Colossus has taken a colossal nose dive into oblivion, its place as dance club du jour seized by Saturday heavyweight Carefree. Numbers at Colossus have dropped drastically since Carefree opened, stripping the disco dinosaur of its following.

Even the muscle queens are following the club kids on their exodus from 1015 Folsom. When Carefree first opened, many saw Colossus functioning as a mixed blessing, a holding pen for the meaty, pushy poseurs, keeping them away from the new stomping grounds, which are more girl- and *gerl*-friendly.

Scrambling to get back some of its audience for Gay Pride weekend, however, Colossus is remarketing itself as a rave for the night, renaming itself Tang, and offering such enticements as a smart bar, celebutante door whore, "face painting" and "free E." Unfortunately, in the long run it will take much more than sticks of grease paint to save the club.

X, on the other hand, may become harder to find, along with other netherworldly party favors. Clubland is again becoming overrun with drug enforcement officers in search of bourgeois drugs. Why the government is going after warm and fuzzy narcotics, rather than chems which generate *real* crime, is a mystery.

Camouflaged with Queer Nation stickers and careful, commercial raver ensembles, rumor has it that the narcs have been busting both dealers and buyers alike, especially at the End Up during the day. Shop wisely.

Subtopia at The Pit fell game to apathy and weak marketing, already closing after a two-week foray. The promoters, Mike&Lewis&Nikki, felt the additional club was too much of an added drain on their empire, and tossed it by the wayside to focus more attention on their other ventures.

Klubstitute continues, but the venue's distance makes accessibility difficult for city dwellers, appearing Saturdays at Thunder Bay in Berkeley until another location manifests.

Another nightmare looming on the horizon, coastal crackpot Greg Carmack plans to open Spit at The Pit on Tuesdays. It comes as a great surprise that the owner would allow Carmack to launch an endeavor there. Only months earlier, Carmack had been bodily removed by police from the club for attacking John Ginoli, a DJ at the space, spewing bitter, self-loathing, poisonously sexist epithets into the air. He attacked the DJ at the Stud years earlier, probably screaming his typical sound-bites: "You're all women. You're all pussies." Be forewarned.

Though fabulism portends to be marginal this season, there are options worthy of exploration. The largest party portends to be Gus' Friday evening Empire Ballroom at the Warfield (a knock-off of my Drag USO Show?), featuring the talents of a bi-costal grab bag. Most of the performers being flown in from New York rely on their *look* more than their skills as performers, especially bland Loretta Hogg; however, Lady Bunny is luminary, Larry Tee charming and Pussy Tourette supreme. The Warfield should be packed to its tippy-top with soused local and transplanted revelers, making it a sight to behold for its reasonable $15 cover.

Saturday the mob is guaranteed to migrate to Carefree, where rumors abound as to celebrity guest appearances. Carefree is to be commended for its mixing of fags and dykes in the same space, raving on each other until the wee hours. Visiting dykes are encouraged to explore this club as the biggest lesbo-friendly disco on the planet.

The Frameline Film Festival parties and screenings are also worthy of crashing, an amalgamation of the most interesting people who will be in town for the traditional festivities.

No other big disco parties of note have been announced yet for the weekend, leaving too many people with too few options. Whatever you do Pride Weekend, get there early, or plan to enjoy a long wait in line.

Chasnoff...

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film they usually say, 'I had no idea G.E. did this,' or... 'That really makes me sick.' They certainly don't come away saying, 'Oh, that was so beautifully shot or nicely edited.' "

Lamy agreed wholeheartedly. "The film's strength is content, not technique. The jarring contrast between G.E.'s warm and fuzzy good-things image and the true misery, suffering and disregard for human life which G.E. leaves behind. All that film does is expose the reality behind the image."

IS G.E. RUNNING SCARED?

G.E. proudly boasts that "The INFACT boycott has had no significant effect whatsoever" on revenues, citing skyrocketing earnings, from $2.3 to $4.4 billion, since INFACT began the grass-roots boycott in 1986.

But Lamy argues otherwise, claiming that INFACT has significantly hurt G.E.'s sales of sophisticated medical diagnostic equipment. One-third of the health care agencies in the United States are sponsored by religious organizations, and INFACT has made a point of contacting them, to let them know the "hypocrisy of buying life-saving equipment from a company which exposes people to the horrendous deadly effects of toxins and radiation."

According to Lamy, G.E. was so worried about loss of sales in this high-ticket area that they recently flew a group of Texas nuns involved in health care to their Connecticut headquarters in the company jet and held meetings to convince them to keep buying G.E. With M.R.I. units priced at $1.3 million and CAT Scanners at $1.2 million, Lamy claims that G.E. lost $43 million in medical sales alone last year.

"Why would G.E. spend so much time and money in reaching the health care industry," Lamy asked, "if they weren't feeling the monetary effects of the contrast between their image and the reality?"

Chasnoff also sees the boycott and the film as having a tremendous effect on G.E. "I know for a fact that their nuclear weapons work has dropped at least 28 percent since the boycott began," she says, "and now they are pulling out of a Florida plant which makes neutron triggers for bombs"—one of the first things INFACT asked them to do when the campaign began.

Over 5,000 copies of the film have already been distributed, and it is set to air on 100 cable networks in Europe, the United States and Canada. Lamy is especially proud that an 80-year-old woman in St. Petersburg, Florida, was so moved by the film that she now shows it to everyone who comes her way.

What will Chasnoff do next? "I don't know. There are a lot of issues I feel very strongly about: social change, peace, environmental issues, economic reform.... But for now, I'll tour with the film until the dust settles. People see me in the airport and call out, 'Look, there's the G.E. boycott lady!' And I think, 'oh my God, it's my marker for life!' So that's me for a while: The G.E. Boycott Lady."

OPEN EXCHANGE

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Job Openings: San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS is accepting resumes for the positions of **House Manager**, **Case Manager**, **Administrative Assistant**, and **House Assistant** for Rafiki House, a temporary housing program for people with HIV/AIDS. People of color, women, sexual miniorities and people with AIDS are encouraged to apply. Send resumes to: Rafiki House Search Committee, c/o BCA, 1042 Divisadero St, SF 94115 or call (415) 346-2364.

Operations Manager. Duties include fiscal management, budget development, contract monitoring and personnel management. Send resumes to BCA Executive Director, 1042 Divisadero Street, SF 94115.

Executive Director National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Duties: General administration & staff management; fundraising—emphasis on major donor and membership development; finance; policy & program; public speaking. Qualifications: 3-5 years public nonprofit administrative experience; demonstrated fundraising/management/media skills; sophisticated understanding of gay/lesbian/diversity/AIDS issues. Salary competitive. Resume to NGLTF ED Search, 1734 14th St, NW, WA, DC 20009 by July 3. Women, POCs encouraged to apply, EEO.

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The Wine Train and Sonora Music Festival. I have tickets and seek a spontaneous and outgoing companion for a week of camping and fun. Must be able to pay your own way. Seeking a contributor, not a mooch for, of course, the possibility of an ongoing relationship. Call ★★8313.

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A woman who shares these values: a loving, mutually supportive primary relationship, honoring our own and each other's feelings, expression and growth, our individuality and the relationship. I'm Jewish, androgynous, an introvert who loves people, an intuitive feeling type, warm and kind. I love nature, birding, the wind, the shape of the land, reading, the performing arts. What I want in you: androgynous; you strive to be centered, balanced in your life, intuitive, feeling, can communicate from your heart and be responsive to mine; share your interests and mine. Also: I'm committed to my profession (as well as to time off), and am financially responsible, and hope you are too. Please call or write: PO Box 4291, San Leandro 94579 or call ★★8314.

Hardbodies Wanted
2 single very cute girls seeking a couple of athletic type girls to join us for some hot summer fun at the beach, concerts, water skiing and exceptionally hot romantic nights. Don't be shy—please reply. Call ★★8315.

Intellectual, Sense Of Humor:
No, that isn't a contradiction. Professional, 33, Jewish, likes books (feminist theory, poetry, science fiction), movies, theater, music (classical, jazz, nuevo cancion), good restaurants, dancing and hiking, passionate about friends and politics, seeks woman, 27-43, leftist, bright, emotional, for friendship, possible relationship. Reply BT Box JN2B or call ★★8316.

I am intense, literate, emotionally fluent, available. I have a job I love, a child, a car that travels, feet that walk and a desire to meet a woman of intelligence, warmth and direction, but with an edge of some sort (need not be sharp). I like the idiosyncratic in beauty and humor; I'm not wild about fluff, habitually altered states, the president. Demographics up to you, so by all means call or, better yet, write. Reply BT Box JN3B or call ★★8317.

Consensual Satisfaction
I don't want to control you./ I'm not your daddy./ I'm not your mommy./ I just want to put you over my knee/ and spank until it sets us free./ So if your butt is round and firm,/ and if you like to sweat and squirm,/ And if you like to swear and fight,/ I'll tie you up and do you right./ Call me to come and play. Call ★★8318.

Seeking Punishment
I like to be kept humble with a firm hand. I'm in good shape and I'm smart. I need to be reprimanded and restrained. I'm very perceptive and don't play head games. I have smart ass tendencies. I'm innocent yet wise. I need someone who's not addicted to people, who's mature, who wants me. (Rivers are rushing for the Muni, so they won't be late for the ocean.) Reply BT Box JN4B or call ★★8319.

Complex Woman Looking For The Same
I am intellectual; yet, love to be silly. Good conversation turns me on; but so does a vigorous physical workout. I am secularly Jewish & socially aware. I am looking for someone who knows herself, is socially aware, is between 30-50 & is looking for an intimate & honest relationship. My professional life is going well & I hope to get my personal life in gear. Reply BT Box JN5B or call ★★8320.

Fag Trapped In Dyke's Body
I'm 26, financially secure, attractive (not skinny), intelligent (does anyone ever say she's not?), with no idea how to go about doing this. I suppose I'm butch-ish with femme tendencies, I'd like to meet a woman (friendship or more) who's femme-ish with butch tendencies, also financially secure, likes to dress up and dine out, and is able to discuss Virginia Woolf and "The Simpsons" in the same conversation. Reply BT Box JN6B or call ★★8321.

Santa Cruz Lesbian
Seeks lesbian for sharing, caring, walks and talks. I'm 38, into intimacy, fun and travel. I enjoy bicycling, movies, books, gardening. I'm ready for a relationship. NS, ND, NA. Write me at PO Box 3526, Santa Cruz 95063 or call ★★8322.

I Am The One
You want to take and be taken by. I am the one who will caress your body with eager hands and mouth, exploring the hills and valleys of your land until I reach the sweet, wet source of your desire. I am the one who will urge you to enter and fill me with your passion, sometimes slow and tender, sometimes fast and hard, until we both reach our fulfillment. Reply BT Box JN7B or call ★★8323.

Eager To Please
Seeking GWF, 35-50, femme or butch, attractive, non-fat, likes to travel, play golf or tennis, sun & surf, wine & dine, movies, plays, long walks, politically left, adventurous & spontaneous. Health conscious & fit. Enjoys creature comforts & life's simple pleasures. Outdoors type, easygoing & down-to-earth. Friends or more. Photo appreciated & returned. Box 108, 2261 Market, SF 94114.

Can Romance Blossom After Fifty?
I am a 54-year-old professional woman living in the East Bay hills. I am looking for the right person with whom to develop a committed relationship. I am honest, kind, understanding, compassionate, spiritual and warm. I deeply enjoy walking along a beach, firesides in winter, sipping wine on the deck, dining out, opera and respectful loving. P.S. I am a smoker. Reply BT Box JN8B.

Wild, Yet Sane
Energetic, talkative 27 y.o., seeks similar companion for friendship, romance and long sensual encounters. Positive attitude and sense of humor a must. I'm a petite, sexy brunette who loves to travel, bike, ski and dance. Please be nonsmoking, feminine and ready to enjoy life! Call or write soon! Reply BT Box JN9B or call ★★8324.

Fat 'N Sassy
Strong butch interior/pretty femme exterior. BiWF, auburn hair, green eyes, Aries/Scorpio/Sagittarius. Passionate about sex, politics, music, satisfying the senses—Life! Seeking a woman who is secure, confident, ambitious, generous and romantic. I am smart, verbal, oral, fun, energetic and fiery. Together we will fuel the flames of each other's emotions, passions, moods and bodies. Strong preference for 28-38-year-olds w/dark hair/dark eyes, moody artists, writers or musicians. Extra points for Taureans, Libras or Sagittarians. Reply BT Box JN10B or call ★★8325.

Hopeful Bosoms
Apparently hope does spring eternal, even in my East Bay bosom. It's a true annoyance, being a pessimistic optimist, but I suppose without our little peculiarities we'd all be cottage cheese. Perhaps there are none left: a bright, open-minded butch over 40 who is still sane by some definition, lives in the East Bay, doesn't have a great humongous list of femme-requirements and isn't set in her ways like a cinderblock. I must say I prefer thinkers, readers, artsy-without-attitude women, good talkers who also know how to listen (an oxymoron?), and laughers, to frenzied overachievers. Professional, unprofessional, who cares? Call me, or write... Reply BT Box JN11B or call ★★8326.

Bratty, Provocative
And sexy counterpart wanted for wild adventures. Your tour guide is naughty yet kind, intense yet tender-hearted. I'm 33, attractive, 5'9", piercing blue eyes, swimmer's build, presentable to parents and smashing in chaps. Prefer feminine women with a definite edge, a sense of humor and adventure, good taste and insatiable mouths. Most creative reply gets a prize! Smokers OK. Big hair, macrame, substance abusers not. Call ★★8327.

Here's What I Want...
You can say what you want in a forthright manner. You take charge of your own physical, emotional and spiritual health. You have a sense of humor and are awed by life's possibilities. You can appreciate an attractive, brilliant, kind, 43-year-old psychotherapist-in-training with strong literary and social justice interests, who likes the outdoors and who sees the world as full of adventure and opportunity. Come on... Call ★★8328.

If You Are Interested...
A friendship with someone from a different culture. I am 5'4", 125 lbs., considerate, sensitive, attractive, college-educated, androgynous, 26-year-old Asian. I am looking for friends and perhaps more. If your interests include music, movies, cooking and travel, please call and let's talk. Call ★★8329.

Sexy, Silly, Sweet Female
30, wants to fuck on the first date with a true believer. Yes, it's true, there really are still girls like us. I'll never fall in love, but I'm a sucker for the next best thing. Activities: talking, coffee mornings, cooking, walking, drinking, laying in the sun, driving anywhere (your car). I go for sexy, natural, physically fit women of various shapes. I promise I have a body & a mind. This offer not open forever—only till I change my evil ways. Dial now for your summer romance! Reply BT Box JN12B or call ★★8330.

N. Berkeley Area Queer Womyn Come Out!!
N. Berkeley Aries queer womon, witch, exotic dancer, feminist, musician/artist, seeks running partners (fire trail, BART path...) and/or friendships. Irreverent, expressive, loudmouth, sensitive, cat-loving, fire and earth signs. Call me. I'm busy but running & friendship are priorities!! Call ★★8331.

"There Was A Woman..."
... a very strange, enchanted woman. She traveled very far, very far, over land and sea. And then one magic day, she passed my way, and this she said to me: The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return." Although these words, or something like them, were sung ten years before I was born, they speak to me today of the elusive loving which I seek from a non-smoking, women-only-woman, who is passionate about something. Reply BT Box JN13B or call ★★8332.

Mind And Body...
In that order. I love a woman who has a mind of her own, can think by herself, but can also let other people into her thoughts. I love a woman who cares about her body, takes care of herself and is willing to be challenged. I'm 30, political, considered very attractive, nice body, olive skin, brown eyes, medium build, and considered androgynous with feminine features. I can be very passionate with the right woman, often emotionally intense, sensitive and a real pain-in-the-ass if you let me. I love road trips, camping with running hot water (okay, I'm a wimp), rock climbing, Angela Davis for president, music, passionate sex, and what else? I dislike Bush, the cops, flaky women, ignorant minds, and politically correct and retentive lesbian police. Care to chat and see if we connect? Reply BT Box JN14B or call ★★8333.

Seeking Stability
Seeking nice, honest, intelligent, stable woman for friendship and possible romance. I live in Sonoma County, am 31, stable, bright, independent, loyal, sensitive and financially secure. I enjoy the outdoors, tennis, biking, travel, movies, music, animals, romance, humor, quiet evenings and prefer one-on-one companionship and small gatherings to large crowds. Seeking a long-term, committed relationship with a woman who is open to marriage and family. No substance abusers. Reply BT Box JN15B.

Butch With Class Please
Looking for an intelligent, sensitive, mature, confident, witty, butch, 35-50 y.o., who enjoys the finer things in life. I am a petite, femme woman who is all the above, plus adventurous, extremely honest and warm. My interests are diverse: good conversation, the beach, travel, theater, all the usual things. I prefer butches who live in SF and are not overweight, don't smoke or use drugs. Alcohol very occasionally. If I sound like someone you would like to meet give me a call. Call ★★8334.

Quality Instead Of Quantity
Where are the women of quality? This attractive, stable, soft butch top, 5'1", who is romantic, gallant, assertive but shy at first and knows how to treat you special, would like to meet a few women of quality. Women who know the true meaning of such values as honesty, dignity, self-respect and not only mouth them but have them incorporated in their inner beings! I enjoy stimulating conversation, candlelit dinners, holding hands while walking on the beach under the moonlight, quaint out of the way places, comedy clubs, etc. I prefer you live in SF, femme, 28-40 y.o., not too round, no drugs, occas. alcohol. I do smoke cigs litely. If you are a woman with inner quality and want to date call. Call ★★8335.

Reflective, sensitive, and somewhat introverted SF professional in early thirties seeking kindred spirit for friendship and maybe more! I am moderately active and enjoy hiking, biking and tennis. I also enjoy the ocean, cats, good coffee, Fogelberg and Kate Bush. I am interested in exploring issues of spirituality and participating in light-hearted fun. Establishing and maintaining psychological/emotional health are primary goals in my life. You are both serious and light-hearted, thirtysomething, and invested in your own emotional development. Call ★★8336.

Femme Dyke
With soft, curvy body and sharp mind looking for a soft, strong butch who likes to flirt, tease & talk deeply & openly. I'm 29, graduate student, love kids, radical in politics and outlook, but traditional in other ways. I love to dress up but wouldn't wear high heels even for world peace. Call ★★8337.

Where Are You
Beautiful lesbians of SF? Are you 35-50, inquisitive, intelligent, a good conversationalist, who likes hiking, biking, dancing, good food & wine for starters? Me too! I'm new in town and looking to meet you. Love of life, fondness for cats and nonsmoking is essential. I'm femme-looking, altho an andro "wannabe" (can't seem to swing it!). I like all (dyke/femme/andro) as long as your body-mind-spirit are taken good care of. Call ★★8338.

Athletic Women!
Are you in-shape (like to mountain bike, run, etc.), intelligent, philosophically and psychologically minded, a workaholic and a playaholic, a good dancer, energetic, and have a good sense of humor? All of this applies to me. I'm 5'10", slender, attractive, open-minded, self-confident, and have a hard time meeting the right people (East Bay, mid-20s to early-30s). Up for a challenge? Give me a call and tell me about yourself. Call ★★8339.

Your Ass Is Mine
Girls: I have a serious ass fetish that I'm just dying to get satisfied. If you'd like to have a dark, voluptuous, nasty-minded, white-girl slut pay attention to your ass for hours at a time, then read on. I'd like to do any or all of the following to you: look at and admire your ass; make you show it off to me in various positions and stages of dress and undress; make you bend over my knee, bend over my furniture, or get down on all fours with your ass stuck high in the air; fondle and squeeze and hump your butt like a dog while you wriggle and squirm and plead for more; spank, paddle, whip and flog you until your cheeks are bright red and burning; and, of course, fuck you up the ass, long and hard and nasty, until you melt. I don't care about your race, age, butch/femmity, or build (although I am somewhat partial to voluptuous women), as long as you have

Dykes To Watch Out For

a nice, juicy ass. Light S/M is definitely on the itinerary; heavy S/M, other kinds of sex, and switching are also possibilities. We could have a one-night stand or do it over and over again, but a serious relationship is out of the question. Any queer gals whose butts have been tingling for the last minute or so, please call ★★8340. No men.

Want To Fuck & Explore S/M?
I am looking for women who want to have sex and do S/M without being in a committed relationship (hope we can be friends). I am a novice (10 months) in the S/M scene. I switch. I prefer that you do too. If you are looking for someone to learn with and explore the different aspects of S/M, you have found her. You must have an interest in going to play parties. I am in my mid-forties, professional, working on abuse issues, like to talk straight. I identify myself as a soft butch, 5'4", 140 lbs. Please call or write. I am anxiously waiting. Reply BT Box JN16B or call ★★8341.

San Pablo, CA, Lesbo
Newly (out) lesbian, 33-year-old mom, student/future writer seeks friendship and cuddling companions. I'd like someone to walk with through the woods, on the pier, watching the sunset. You: Black or white "makes no difference." I'm new at this but definitely a lesbian. I'm caring, gentle and seeking others who are the same. Let's be friends. I'm also unique and funny. I'm it? Call ★★8342.

Looking For Ms. Right Now
Bold, irreverent and funky femme of center seeks butch of center. Me: 5'9", 27, steady hazel eyes, auburn hair, bittersweet heart, athletic build, medical student, also willing to go the distance. You have a sense of style, a direction, a social consciousness, a hard-working body and that cool butch competence. I'm ready to celebrate Gay Pride month. Are you ready for a field trip to Good Vibrations? Architects or artists a plus. East Bay also a plus, but not a must. If not now, then when? Call ★★8343.

You Smoke Cigarettes, Drink Beer & Play Pool
For you, coming out in the '60s means that's when you were born. You believe labels belong on clothes. You eat what you want, not what's socially acceptable. You've already driven out all of your demons. An evening at Osento is your drug of choice. You have and/or appreciate tattoos and/or body piercings. You're short but not necessarily petite. Reply BT Box JN17B or call ★★8344.

Beautiful GBF, 32, seeks fun-loving women in SF area to play a variety of games with, particularly Scrabble and Chess. I like to be physically active, love to laugh and be silly although I also have a child's curiosity about the meaning of life. I am a low-maintenance friend, very self-sufficient and somewhat self-possessed but I am a very good listener. Reply BT Box JN18B or call ★★8345.

While Searching For The Meaning Of Life...
Ivy Leaguer, professional, late 40s, seeks woman who are somewhat in possession of their mental faculties and have a wonderful sense of humor (an appreciation of Woody Allen is a big plus!). Personal growth and awareness are of primary importance. Honesty, warmth, sensitivity, thoughtfulness, intelligence, social and political consciousness are attributes I value highly (smoking, heavy drinking, game-playing and "attitude" are not!). My interests are numerous and varied so I won't beleaguer you with a long list. I'll try almost anything once—then decide if I'll do it again—like this ad! Reply BT Box JN19B or call ★★8346.

Spoiled But Not Rotten
Attractive, trim, mid-forties, frighteningly stable professional seeks date, romance, relationship or just fling with sane, well put together dyke who is accomplished, enjoys creature comforts, and is politically active, even if it just means writing checks. I'm fanatical about Sandra Bernhard, Lily Tomlin and my dog, and enjoy movies, classical music, the *New York Times*, and anything outdoors. Ambitious, opinionated women encouraged to respond. No heavy smokers, drinkers or spiritualists, please. Call ★★8347.

We Are 2 Nice Girls
Seeking new friends to do things with and to have fun with. We are not looking for marriage, funky attitudes, sexually and/or chemically addicted (including cigarettes) nor depressed individuals. We like women with brains, maturity, evolved spirits and those who have a job. If you like what you've read so far, please don't be shy—call or write today. Reply BT Box JN20B or call ★★8348.

This Month It's My Birthday!
It's summer and I'm free! I'm gonna have a good time. Happy birthday to me! I'm 21, femme, sweet, smart, funny, and cute as the dickens. I like dressing up, going out, chasing girls, and playing the personal ads. I'm looking for some good times, a few friends... and maybe a good lay, but I'm not holding my breath. Call ★★8349.

African-American East Bay Professional
Seeking professional, feminine, nonsmoker for diverse pleasures. Prefer tall 35+, to younger women. If you are quick-witted, possess an outrageous sense of humor, and have an adventurous spirit and a zest for life, then we should talk. I've a strong, independent streak so brace yourself. On the other hand, I am also a warm and considerate friend. Call ★★8350.

I Can't Get No Satisfaction
Read on ladies of all cultures! Where are all of the physically fit, feminine women? Do you not exist anymore? In any event, I'm 40 yrs. old, Black, single and androgynous, and I'm looking for that special someone to share my life with. Let's enjoy life together. I don't have the energy for kids or the emotionally needy. Call or write if interested. Reply BT Box JN21B or call ★★8351.

I'm Searching
For a young, pretty and feminine woman w/an artsy soul and an intelligent mind. A lady who enjoys good conversation and quiet walks in the redwoods. I'm an attractive, 20-yr.-old GWF who appreciates beauty, magic and the inner strength I've found only women possess. I'm inexperienced w/female relationships, but would very much like to explore them w/someone special. If you are strong, educated and like film and literature, write to me at PO Box 370187, Montara 94037.

Twanger
Cuddly butch, 38, left Texas but accent stayed. Loves movies, outdoors, board games, walking, short trips. Desires marriage after good courtship. If you have a child, that's icing on the muffin. You are a Black woman, 30-40, sure of your sexuality. I adore Black women but not looking to convince you of the beauty of lesbianism, just the beauty of us. Reply PO Box 2488, SF 94126 or call ★★8352.

If You Cross This Bridge
You'll find a warm, well-adjusted, educated woman who values empowering communication and passion in a long-term relationship; one who is attracted to women who are bright, intuitive feelers and can maintain autonomy in relationship. I enjoy being outdoors in motion (walking, tennis), as well as quieter pursuits (cultural events) and intimacy with YOU. You are 45-60, warm, communicative, and professional. Call/write. Reply BT Box JN22B or call ★★8353.

Contradictions?
Athletic & political, stable & adventurous, intellectual & playful, emotional intimacy & hot sex, lipstick & 501s, partnership & independence. I'm in my mid-30s, tall, attractive, professional, clean & sober, butch of center (most of the time), of mixed cultural heritage. Looking to meet women who can appreciate the intricacies, ambiguities & humor of life. Reply BT Box JN23B or call ★★8354.

I Love To Fuck
Haven't been getting any lately, hence the ad. I also love intelligent, engaging women with a sense of humor, women who value friendship & are honest & caring, women who know what they want, in & out of bed & can talk about it. I'm a professional, mid-thirties, woman of color; about the middle of the butch-femme scale, love to switch. Interested? Let's get in touch! Reply BT Box JN24B or call ★★8355.

Wanted: Slightly Older Woman
You: Available, old soul with youthful spirit, secure socially & financially. Fluffy looks, seductive, gourmet cook, 43 to 53, renaissance woman. Passionate, generous, easygoing & warm. Me: Sweet & handsome wildchild with social graces, new to Bay Area, 47. Versatile, intelligent, successful, sense of humor, love of fun, Southern accent. A 5, ESFJ, Cancer/Leo/Gemini wedge personality. Sex as a 2nd language. Looking for new friends & connections. Not into boozing, drugs, smoking or rushing into commitments. Enjoy animals, movies, oceans, scuba, travel, music, strolls, leisure biking and, when appropriate, hot sex! Reply PO Box 11540, Piedmont 94611 or call ★★8356.

An Ad Or Another Pasta Salad: What's A Woman To Do?
I would like to meet other lesbians to hike, ride, laugh, talk, listen to music, change the world, and do fun things with. I am 36, professional, feminist (professional feminist? ... eh, no), politically active, Jewish, sports enthusiast, walk enthusiast, couch potato in-between—I have to be so honest? Not into drugs, smoking, drinking. Call/write and tell me about you. Reply BT Box JN25B or call ★★8357.

Desperately Seeking
Something. No responsibilities accepted. I do weird stuff for a living. Please call ★★8358.

One Heck Of A Good Woman!
I know I deserve a great love, yet also feel friendship plays an important part in a developing relationship. I'm a big-hearted, strong yet sensitive, 5'8", Virgo, 36, with tremendous energy and kid-like enthusiasm, love to play, enjoy lots of sports (golf, tennis, softball, swimming, hiking, etc.), stocky and muscular, aspiring professional singer. You: late 20s to early 30s, intense, enjoy emotional and physical closeness, the outdoors, sports, adventure, travel, and ready for a wonderful friend who could become the love of your life in time if the chemistry is right. If you're active, 5'4"+, looking for a special SF woman, it's your move. Reply BT Box JN26B or call ★★8359.

S.
So you're not just a rough, tough butch! June 5 at Ecstasy was great. Let's talk. M. PO Box 40621, SF 94110 or call ★★8360.

Bi
BISEXUAL

Submissive
29-year-old heavy metalist with girl's haircut, killer ass, girl's legs, money, veins and brains to match seeks sexy, lean female to use strap-on dildo on him in exchange for whatever her heart desires. Axl outlaw looks with personality to match. Looking for long-term relationship. HIV-. Call ★★8381.

Guy In Heels And Hose
Seeks passion, punishment, penetration from strap-it-on, take-charge kind of woman, who likes her man in lingerie and on the receiving end. I'm 40, attractive, in-shape, very masculine, submissive, eager to please and very oral. Not passable, but great legs and ass in 5-inch heels, panties and stockings. Enquiries from guys and couples OK. Call ★★8382.

Tall Brunette
Transsexual, low profile, active, not into hiding or shocking people, wants to meet men and women for mutually enjoyable times and relationships. Me: water and air, sensual dreams and ocean. Fantasies of fast cars, fast women, fast men. Got a motorcycle? Let's go for a ride. Complementary opposites encouraged to reply. Call ★★8383.

Seeking Couple
Tall, attractive BiWM, seeks friendship, plus more with couple (M/F or M/M). Not experienced, not into S/M, pain, would like quiet, down-to-earth types. I'm blond hair, blue eyes, 6'2", 180, in shape, but not perfect. You should be happy with yourself overall as I am also. PO Box 21576, El Sobrante 94803.

Seeking Salsa/Samba Partner
BiAM, 28 y.o., 5'10", 155#, handsome, toned & tanned. Adventurous, intellectual, athletic, sensual, born-again pagan, spiritual but not religious, progressive political partier seeking similar bi/gay/straight women of color for dancing partner & friendship. Please be 25-35 y.o., under 5'6", NS, light drinker, love salsa/samba world beat & raves. Dancers, singers, athletes, artists, activists & poets a plus. Reply BT Box JN300B or call ★★8384.

I'm Bi, Married And Alas Pot Bellied!
Age 50. Any Asian, Hispanic or Islander bi women, married or not, willing to be my friend or maybe lover. Let's explore each other's dreams. I don't drink, use drugs or smoke. Loving couples welcome. Gentle kink OK. PO Box 424053, SF 94142-4053 or call ★★8385.

Outdoor Adventurer
Handsome WM, 32, tall and lean, brown/green, HIV-, nonsmoker, looking to meet a masculine guy, under 40, also HIV-, nonsmoker, who enjoys the outdoors. I like mountain/road biking, hiking, backpacking and cross-country skiing. I'm intelligent, easygoing, in good shape, professionally employed and want to find a guy who shares similar interests. Interested in dating first; long-term goal to be in a monogamous relationship. Reply BT Box JN301B or call ★★8386.

Rites of Spring
Masqueraders, shapeshifters, womyn of color, sought by 6'2", 200 lb., green-eyed, long-haired (but balding), bearded, furry-chested, Jewish bisexual guy to explore some erotic fantasies, lend inspiration to my art and help work off some of my love handles. I'm very oral, tactile and versatile in role playing. Slightly kinky (hopefully you are too) and STD-free. Creative written replies preferred. PO Box 7471, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★8387.

Top 10 Reasons
... why triadic relationships appeal to us: (10) Incredible synergy: multiple overlaps of interests & personality, and fascinating dynamics of all the ways to relate to one another. (9) Expanded range for creative romance, sensual activities, general care and nurturing: interesting combinations of love letters, little gifts, hugs, kisses... (8) With each person having 2 lovers, if one feels like doing something it's more likely someone will be available. (7) No single person to carry the full weight of their partner's emotional, sensual & sexual needs. (6) Expanded opportunities in kinds of sexual activity possible: finally enough hands, mouths, tongues, etc.! (5) Being put in a happy, loving mood by one's partner benefits the third one, and vice versa. (4) Knowing that loving one person doesn't take away from one's love of another. (3) Co-parenting. (2) Pooled economic resources (and less environmental damage). (1) Here put your very own. Search deep inside and you may find something... Want to talk about it? PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★8388. (Please also see our ad "You Want It All?")

You Want It All?
Are you a woman who resents having to alternately give up females and males? Explore the possibilities of a balanced, committed, loving relationship with affectionate bisexual WF, 33, and WM, 27. We are seeking an intelligent woman, not a "plaything," to aim for an eventual equal partnership in fully integrated triadic relationship. Friendship first. Please be a playful nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions—and ready to be showered with tenderness and creative romance! We enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Interests include: hot springs, gardening, hiking, cooking, sailing, nude recreation, massage, singing, arts, dancing, erotica, science fiction, photography, tropical islands, dining out. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★8389.

Gentle Tao Man Seeks Friends & More
I'm a sensing-feeling Cuban-born "free-spirit" artist, masseur, "househusband" (in open marriage); 40, thin, tall, dark-haired... I eat healthy, meditate... love silence, solitude; Tai Chi, Zen, beginner's mind, bare awareness, mere experiencing; lifelong learning, exploring; night strolling, interesting music, words, spontaneity... and simple, everyday ordinariness. I seek like-minded comrades for occasional correspondence, phoning, get-togethers... and perhaps a bisexual friend to eventually join our household. Write Boxholder, PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★8390.

"Female Wanna-Be"
I would like to meet a woman who wants her man to be female in dress, in personality and in the bedroom. I'd like to gradually be transformed to be female 100 percent of the time. Am currently dressing on weekends only. Am very submissive in feminine role. 100 percent sincere, prefer 30 years and older. I'd be loyal and dedicated to my lover. Reply BT Box JN302B or call ★★8391.

Slave Needs Owner
WM, 33, bi-curious, looking for single women, couples or groups to take control of me. I have experience as a houseboy, cook, masseur & toy. Please use me for your pleasure or amusement. Take complete control of me, limits are meant to be expanded. I crave all forms of D&S, C&B, TT, WS, X-dress, humiliation, ritual & fantasy, very exhibitionistic. Leave instructions & receive complete obedience. Call ★★8392.

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The Real 13th Step
I am an ex-12-step member who is making the transition out of the group and into an autonomous recovery lifestyle. So far I have met with much success. Transcending peer pressure and program dogma has been difficult. I have found 2 others like me and we are wondering how many more of us there are. If you are currently working toward independence or have successfully completed the transition, we would like to hear about your experience. Reply BT Box JN600B or call ★★8401.

Green Eggs And Ham Club
Two Sam-I-Am type night cooks wish to form social eating and cooking club with other lesbian cooks, professional or amateur. Passion for food a must as we plan to eat in boxes, trees, or houses for lunches. Call ★★8402.

Be In The Parade!
And help to get rid of the Mayor—Recall Jordan Now! needs YOU to be in our parade contingent. Be admired by thousands! Take part in amusing street theater! See the parade from our deluxe prison cell, sound system included! Needed: "dissidents" of all flavors (people of color, unusual appearance, transgenderist, leather, lesbian/gay/bi (obviously), older persons, innocent bystanders, et al) + a whole lotta white males. Involves 1-2 rehearsals. Also needed: 10 contingent monitors, requires one safety training mtg. + soberness during parade. Also two drivers for flatbed truck. Fun, sun, cool people, party afterward! Come join us! Call ★★8403.

Passionate Gastronome
GWM seeks same for occasional night out in SF ethnic restaurants. You should be good conversationalist (prefer leftist), serious about food, not squeamish about tripe, squid, sweetbreads, skate, etc. I am 45, polyglot, well-traveled, masculine, need compatible tablemate. This is a nonsexual ad (if you consider food nonsexual, that is). Call ★★8404.

HIV+ Outdoorsmen
GBM, 36, seeks other HIV+ men of color who enjoy backpacking, car camping, bike touring, x-c skiing, fishing, etc., for outdoor fun and fellowship. All are welcome, but Black men are especially encouraged. We'll have some great times. Get off the couch, turn off the tube and give me a call. Call ★★8405.

Slap Dat Bass!
Not a sex ad. Young, talented, male acoustic bass player sought by performing duo (piano/vocals). We play jazz standards & original songs in the standard tradition. We're experienced, looking for someone to jam with. Smoke & drink OK. Sense of humor essential. Call ★★8406.

Potatoes Unite!
Bored? Out of shape? Me too. Get off that couch and grab your racquet! Beg. and int. tennis pals wanted. Your court or mine. Also interested in low impact hiking, biking, beach/park walks of your choice. I'm 31, GWF professional. Let's be buds, not spuds—the ball is in your court. Reply BT Box JN601B.

Weekend Basketball
In the East Bay. I am a Black lesbian seeking other lesbians of color who want to get together and shoot some hoops. Your physical condition and level of play doesn't matter. Let's just get together and have some fun. Maybe we'll make some new friends. Call ★★8407.

Conversational Mandarin
Fluent Mandarin speaker sought by German- and English-speaking masseur for conversation on beginner's level. Call ★★8408.

Sunset Rising
Calling all Sunset queers! It's time to make our mark on our neighborhood. We've been meeting socially up until now—let's make a contribution this time, and have some fun. Join us Saturday, August 15, at Middle Drive East and Bowling Green Drive, Golden Gate Park, between 9 am and 3 pm, to help plant an AIDS memorial. Bring work gloves. All Sunset residents—let's meet! Reply BT Box JN602B or call ★★8409.

Parla Italiano?
Multiracial FTM/TS gay man seeking Blacks or half-Black/half-Italians to speak Italian with. We'll deal with the dialect issue if it comes up. Call ★★8410.

Nouveau Family
FTM/TS gay man of color, writer, well-groomed bohemian, seeking people of color: foreign-borns, Southern Blacks, Amerindians, who are transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, wanting the cooperative, working together, "sticking together" of family/community. Sharing, sincerity, bonding. Seeking other people of color to start a community like the ones we grew up in, without repression/judgment of sexuality/gender identity/lifestyle some of us grew up with. Call ★★8411.

Basketball
Looking for other women who want to shoot some hoops weekday evenings in the Castro. Level of play not important. I'm looking for exercise as well as new friends. Call ★★8412.

Scale Model Railroaders
GWM, 30s, interested in meeting others with an interest in scale model railroading. I model in On3 and HO scales but enjoy all scales and gauges. Not really interested in Lionel, tinplate or collecting for investment purposes. I also enjoy collecting and listening to R&B and oldie records from the '50s and '60s. Call ★★8413.

Vocation Calling
I would like to talk with people who have found their calling and those who haven't but are interrested in discerning it, with the idea that we could support each other in the process and in affecting any changes we should decide to make using the books of Barbara Sher—*What Color Is Your Parachute*, etc. Call ★★8414.

Photography
BiWM enjoys amateur photo sessions (outdoor, studio, fantasy) with other men and/or women with photogenic interests and physiques. Let's play with my camera and see what results. Reply: 2215 Market St., #471, SF 94114 or call ★★8415.

Drawing Group Forming
Artists wanted for Saturday morning drawing group. Share model fee. Space limited. All levels welcome. No instruction provided. Reply BT Box JN603B or call ★★8416.

Hablas Espanol?
Busco amigos para practicar el espanol. Tal ves podemos caminar a cenar juntos. Me interesa mucho en viajar a america latina. Hablamos. Reply BT Box JN604B or call ★★8417.

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Spiritually Identified Lesbians/Feminists
Visionary support and discussion group to explore practical implications of material in *Beyond the Eagle* (Chambers, et al). If you found it validating, both spiritually & politically, and are dedicated to psychological growth through spiritual evolution—let's create a network for inspiration, acknowledgment and encouragement. Isolation serves us no longer. Our diversities do. If interested, please reply BT Box JN605B or call ★★8419.

Photography
White guy, 40s, looking for women who might share my interest in photography. To develop ideas together, explore Bay Area, go on outings, exchange modeling, etc. My interests range from natural to urban landscapes, portraiture, to the human form. Would like to expand with intelligent, creative companion(s). Call ★★8420.

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Furry Backs
Are what I like to cuddle with. I am a good-looking, 35, GWM, balding, beard, 5'11", 160, hairy with great eyes. I'm more bottom than top, honest, romantic, grounded, communicative, creative, stable and monogamous. I offer a positive attitude, career, fun and emotional stability. I have many personal interests and so do you, and if you want to share these attributes and offer them in return, call ★★8424.

At Home Among Musicians
A domestic fantasy: to greet the morning with cuddling, quiet time, vegetarian breakfast and homemade music. Folk styles and original songs appeal to me, as do processes that call on spiritual resources for inner growth and recovery. Nonsmoking 12-steppers OK. Honest, sensitive, passionate bears a plus. At almost 40, this tall, lean, dark-haired and blue-green-eyed, healthy, gifted and winsome life explorer hopes he has acquired enough good karma and sense to recognize the right man. (How easily one can get confused when so many men keep suggesting love in all its forms.) My life is reasonably stable but open to adjusting and improving in tandem with a lover. Please write with photo (returnable) to BT Box JN70B.

Willing To Be Thrilling
GWM, 43, 6 ft., 300 lbs., HIV-, nonsmoker, gentleman seeks men for passionate encounters and friendship. Write 1442A Walnut St., #326, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★8425.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asians
Loving, caring GWM, 37, sincere, honest, healthy, seeks slim, cleanshaven, Asian guy who is also loving, caring, sincere, honest, healthy, for companionship and hopefully lasting relationship. I am 6', 180 lbs., with soft brown hair and hazel eyes. I currently reside on East Coast (Virginia) but am hoping to relocate to San Francisco. Please reply with detailed letter and photo. Reply BT Box JN71B.

Daddy's Boy Wanted
Daddy is GWM, 48, 5'7", 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, hairy, moustache, NS. You: under 35, bottom, passive, submissive, affectionate, NS, cuddly, healthy, stable, responsible, drug-free. If you are smooth to hairy, punk to clean-cut, leather to GQ, slender to muscular, effeminate to butch, stupid to brilliant, daddy will still love his little boy. Call ★★8426.

Not Clean-Cut And Conservative
Positive, good-looking, 25 y.o. GWM, w/long brown hair and smooth hard body. Into working out, travel, camping, art projects and motorcycles. I'm 5'8", 135 lbs., HIV+, healthy and versatile. Prefer books, performance art, cabaret, plays, movies and museums to TV. Not into gay bars or drugs, light toke/drink OK. Looking for attractive, non-superficial, non-bitchy, non-pretentious, nice slim-to-skinny guy to hang out with and release my pent-up sexual energy. Call ★★8427.

Slim Asian Wanted
Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6'2", 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warm-hearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Libertarian-Objectivist
GWM, mid-40s, OK looks, 5'9", 160 lbs., looking for, among other things, individual interested in ideas on liberty. Similar interests may lead elsewhere. Reply BT Box JN72B.

Buffed Up—Not!
Though I do love my men meaty—not overweight!—you need not be buffed perfect. You must be tall, dark, handsome, wickedly witty, intelligent, adventurous, hairy, HIV-, age 30-37, varied interests. Let's learn new things. Me? 6'2", 190 lbs., 33, tall, dark, handsome and smooth. Friendship first, sex later. Photos always fun, phone. Reply to: Mr. M., PO Box 2164, San Jose 95109.

Hope Murdoch Seeks Michael Steadman
Well, sort of. GWM, film student (23) seeks companion to share quiet weekend time (perhaps at a film retrospective or revival). You are an educated (but not pedantic) professional who is stable, sensitive, caring, communicative, witty, attractive, trim, HIV-, drug-free, and does not smoke or use excessive alcohol. You are also mature enough to deal with life's little ups and downs (since they always exist). I am attractive, slender, mature, responsible, independent, dryly humorous, bookish, non-athletic (unless you count exploring the City's neighborhoods on foot) and somewhat shy. "thirtysomething" bashers need not apply. Full description please. Photos returned. Reply BT Box JN73B.

Unique Man Sought
Good-looking, masculine WM, late 30s, cleanshaven, nice physique (5'10", 150), seeks similar man who likes taking charge in the bedroom. I'm semi-hedonistic, enjoy movies, rock music, sports, nature, quiet times. Looking for man with class, intelligence and sense of humor. Prefer liberal-minded, professional, easygoing, rugged looks, straight-appearing, kinky, into fantasies (but not risky activities). Call ★★8428.

Touching, Hugging, Kissing
I'm a romantic searching for that sensual and sexy man who wants the same. Vanilla is perfect. I'm GWM, 5'6", 145 lbs., blond/green, cute, turning 40—look younger, HIV+ (asymptomatic). I like movies, TV, theater, Ella to Aretha, opera to KKSF, some drinking, sharp wit, communication from the heart. Usually a bottom. Seek similar age/height or younger, nonsmoker, honest, emotionally and financially secure, handsome man to develop a relationship. Dark hair preferred/not necessary. This is my first ad. Reply w/photo. Reply BT Box JN74B or call ★★8429.

Friendship And Fun
Me: 27 y.o., 5'11", 160#, Latin with Mediterranean good looks. Confident but shy, street smart, contemporary, youthful, free spirited, lonely, communicative, in good physical shape. You: Stable, secure, excited about life, cute or sexy, warm, affectionate, under 32, communicative, in good physical shape. I'm interested in casual dating, great sex, romance, exploration, having lots of fun and—when it happens—a relationship. Call ★★8430.

I'm Ready...
Seeking stable, confident, stocky, defined, hairy, Italian/Jewish GWM, 35-45, 6' or under. Beard, moustache? Balding—well trimmed? Oh, yeah! I'm 27, close-cropped blond, blue eyes, moustache, 6'4", slender, fit and masculine, of German descent. Avid city cyclist, love cars, not into bar scene, mildly twisted sense of humor, and eclectic, part-time smoker. Looking for a future, and I want to be very attentive for the right man. Need a gradual, intense body and soul unity with a slightly dominant guy. Reply BT Box JN75B or call ★★8431.

The Expression Of A Well-Made Man
Attractive, sincere, intelligent WM with smouldering libido seeks same for cafe companion and sex buddy. Am 42, 5'10", 150, brn/brn, trim, HIV-, versatile. Enjoy massage, exercise, conversation, quiet times. Some unconventional interests but not at all weird. Like blond junior execs, collegians, servicemen, but open to all nice-guy types. Bi or married OK, but should have genuine regard for male affection. Must be masculine, cleanshaven, healthy, with average looks, nice hands and feet. Prefer bright, clever, intense, switch-hitter with clear eyes, warm heart. Don't be shy; all answered, discretion assured. Reply BT Box JN76B or call ★★8432.

Applications & Interviews
Being accepted for regular cocksucker to satisfy the needs of two horny, healthy, HIV-, 52-year-old men in Santa Rosa. Your age & looks not important. Your desire, technique and ability are most important. This is not a one-night position. Once accepted, the job will be every weekend. PO Box 282, Fulton, CA 95439 or call ★★8433.

5/20 Stationery Store, 3 pm
At Patrick's Stationery/Office Supplies near Civic Center we had long glances but were too shy to speak. Did you find your calendar? I was with a good friend. You and I are dark-haired and attractive. There was "something." Let's rekindle the spark. Call ★★8434.

Flex Your Muscles
WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guys of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★8435.

How About That Spanking?
You'll feel much better afterward. Suit-wearing professional with traditional values, 45 y.o., 6' and 185 lbs., brn eyes and hair, HIV-, uncut, willing to give hand spankings and other guidance to youthful-appearing daddy's boy. I am respectful of limits. You will feel liberated as every private act is directed and supervised; in helplessness you'll discover how much you are cared for. Reply BT Box JN77B or call ★★8436.

Black Gentleman Desired
We won't find each other in a bar; I'm that Mediterranean type of guy (33, 5'7", 145), young at heart with an old soul, clean, healthy, warm, attractive, masculine, sexy, sincere, HIV+, professional, fun and secure (financially & mentally). I also like companionship, cuddling, wonderful sex (oral A/P, anal/P), sleeping together, travel, restaurants, cooking, movies, theater, music, adventure. You are a man of color and enough of the above for us to give it a try. Prefer 35-50 years old. Reply BT Box JN78B or call ★★8437.

Ah, Paris....
GWM, French (bilingual), 25 y.o., 5'11", 150 lbs., br/br, professional (MBA), straight acting, yet fully assuming being gay, and... attractive. Newly arrived in SF, eager to build a group of friends (20-35 y.o.) with shared interests. We will go out (cafes, bars, clubs, theater, movies), hike, laugh, discuss and whatever fun you propose. My personality: prof. but artistic (photography, writing, painting), rational yet intuitive, open-minded, optimistic. Letter (picture appreciated) only. Reply BT Box JN79B.

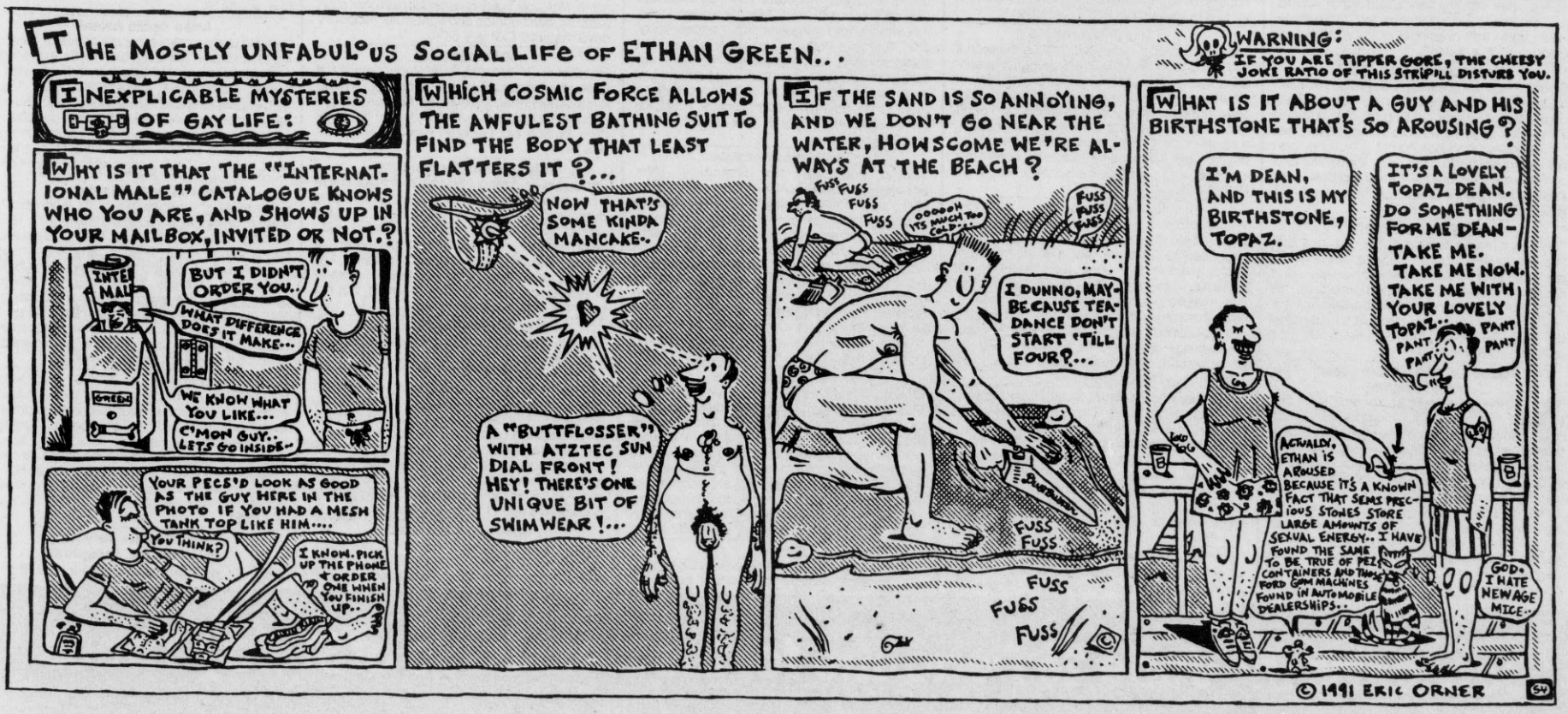
On The Beach, May 17
It was on the gay beach north of the Golden Gate Bridge. You were with a friend and we exchanged stares. You had white briefs, he had a red and gray swimsuit. You are tall, brown hair. I am br/br and I had a red and blue swimsuit. I was too shy to come and talk to you, just to make friends. Would you like to give me a call, even if you are not available? It's a small world, then, maybe... Reply BT Box JN80B or call ★★8438.

Asians Please
Because Asians please, I say: "Asians, please." I am GWM, 44, 5'10", 155 lbs., HIV-, top. I am professional and love biking, swimming, horseback riding and reading and contemplating. And most of all, I like you. Select yourself and call. P.S., I am affectionate and capable of love. Call ★★8439.

Discreet
WM with muscular, athletic body, runner's legs. Wants to have safe man-to-man hot sex. Turn-ons: Oral and tit play. Me: 30, 6', 180 lbs., clean-cut, cleanshaven, hung, cut. You: 35 or under, in-shape, clean-cut, cleanshaven. Let's have some fun. Call ★★8440.

Everybody Is Good-Looking
Me, too. But I'm looking for a boyfriend who is proud of what he is beyond the looks. Good conversationalist & enjoys doing things with a wide range of interests. My descriptions are: GAM, late 20s, 5'9", in shape. Serious about career, health, friends, but also fun-loving, can be crazy, love music. If you are my type of person, about the same age & shape, give me a detailed letter (photo would be greatly appreciated). Reply BT Box JN81B or call ★★8441.

Quality
Intelligent, sensitive, attractive gay male, 29, from the Indian subcontinent, would like to meet similar guys for friendship and possibly more. I value loyalty, simplicity and being dynamic. All races welcome. Please send letter and phone



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number to PO Box 1551, Lafayette 94549 or call ★★8442.

Attractive Asian

Seeks a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual encounters. No strings attached. I'm healthy, athletic nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3037 or call ★★8443.

Extroverted Guy

GWM, 26, 5′11″, 165, brn/hazel eyes, HIV-, clean-cut, mostly top. Very affectionate, intelligent, communicative, sensual, good sense of humor, excited about life, believe in monogamy. I like to swim, travel, go to the beach, movies, dancing, TV and active in sports. I'm interested in a nonsmoking, drug-free, light drinker, self-assured, fun-loving, secure guy, 22-32, who is not too serious and enjoys romance, exploration and hanging out. When it happens, a relationship. Call ★★8444.

Balanced Spiritual/Physical

Refined, caring, pianist/accompanist/singer/coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented soulmate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, open-minded, aware, adaptable, intuitive, inner beauty, devoted, healthy mind/body, traditional values, integrity, love of self/others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, young at heart, GWM, 44, 5′7″, 122. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★8445.

We're Feeling Alike

East Bay healthy, bearded, gdlkg GWM, 40s, 5′10″, 140 lbs., tan, hairy and responsible, inquiring if you want a quality friend to talk to and share with, feel heartache being by yourself on a beautiful, warm day or evening, like '50s-'70s music and cars—especially Cadillacs, are alone at family/social functions not having your partner to be with or see when returning home, hunger for cutoffs only drives, the beach, barefoot walks, intimacy, sensual/safe sexual togetherness, enjoy home, old movies, cards, board games and dominoes, awaken during the night knowing another man is feeling as you do? Yes? Let's help each other. Identical physical/age characteristics not imperative, but no alcohol or drugs. Reply (photo helpful), BT Box JN82B or call ★★8446.

I Want A Latino Boyfriend

I'm 6′1″, 38 y.o., 245 lbs., lt brown hair/beard, lt brown eyes. I'm very handsome, loving, intelligent and devoted to the right guy. You must be 30-40, dark Latino w/beard and/or moustache, drugless, smokeless, HIV-, not afraid of monogamy/intimacy and you must like big guys. Please, no exceptions. Reply BT Box JN83B or call ★★8447.

Fruit Salad With Marshmallows

Bright, ambitious, 30 y.o. GWM (6′2″, 190#, br/gr, glasses) seeks guy around my age for romance, sex, companionship. I'm urban, drink coffee, work with my hands and with my mind, and like books. I don't smoke, jog, or do trade. I like people wtih dreams or goals and who are creative. Call ★★8448.

Vision Starting To Blur?

So many ads, such little type. It gets so you can't tell hardcore kinky ones from the earnest, walk-on-the-beach variety. So stop and just respond to me. Hey, anything I can do to help. Guarantee: I'm definitely good-looking but not entirely gorgeous, muscular but cut lean, thoughtful and considerate yet chock full of the usual flaws. I like intelligence and kindness. 37, HIV-. Reply BT Box JN84B or call ★★8449.

Negative Capability

"Is when a man is capable of being in uncertainties, mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reason" is how John Keats explained it. And Hawthorne said, "A man's bewilderment is the measure of his wisdom." If this strikes true for you, tell me more. We might become comrades. Reply BT Box JN85B or call ★★8450.

"Good-Looking Model Type" Into Monogamy

5′8″, 150 lbs., all muscle, 31 years old (look 25), ½ German, ½ Hawaiian, Philipino, Puerto Rican and Spanish. Look Italian. Interests: Spirituality, healthy eating, working out, traveling, modeling, singing, animal rights, global rights, positive attitudes, family, friends, movies, theater, etc., etc. Looking for someone who is healthy HIV+ like myself (he can be HIV- also) who's into the same as me with other interests also. He must be into a gym routine, doesn't smoke, do drugs or drink heavily. Must have an open mind about God & spirituality. Please send letter and photo (all photos returned). Reply BT Box JN86B.

All Good-Looking Men Are Not Married

I know because I'm one of them. Where are all the rest? I'm a healthy, HIV+, GWM, 24, 6′1″, 160 lbs., w/boyish charm and a man-size endowment. My well-defined body (6 yrs. prof. dancer) waits for a physically attractive, nicely built man, who can spread me like butter with his steel... If you're that versatile, single man, who's under 35 and maybe thinking of settling down, reply with photo (a must). Reply BT Box JN87B.

Pot Of Gold

At the end of the rainbow is waiting for you, if you are GWM, 27 to 35 y.o., HIV-, medium to tall height, very healthy, fit, muscular, with a swimmer's or gymnast's build. Huge is not important. Slim, trim, and very attractive is! Me: GWM, 35 y.o., HIV-, very financially secure. I am very slender and fit, 6′5″ tall, dark and handsome. I have black hair, brown eyes and a moustache. I've been working out hard for that special someone (who I haven't found yet) and my friends say I look great. Is that special someone you? I am well travelled, love dining out, cuddling in bed and very safe sex. I am also a top and am aggressive but also like someone to be aggressive too! If I sound interesting to you, please give me a chance, you won't be disappointed. Please, serious only respond. No kinky or one-nighters please. I have so much to offer the right person. Letter & photo is good, or simply call. Reply BT Box JN88B or call ★★8451.

Wanted

Obedient slave boy, 18-30, to be kept naked, chained and available for my pleasure on command. A juicy, hot mouth and receptive butt are required. No drugs, smokers. Me: age 48, 5′7″, 135 lbs., hairy, healthy, stable. This is a safe, sane, loving environment. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JN89B or call ★★8452.

Love, Friendship And Fireplace

I'm looking for a wholesome, all-American, masculine, well-built, professional, intelligent, 6′ or shorter, 36 or older, HIV-, cleanshaven, who loves: Night in the Opera, Walt Disney movies, quiet fireplace evenings, intellectual discoveries, Sunset Boulevard sets, dining in/out, and takes chance to make life a showcase of unpredictable good times, charm, emotions and commitment. I'm an alien (not related to Alien 1-2-3 movies), very good-looking, with kind of a nice accent, kind of athletic, cleanshaven, HIV-, professional, intellectual from 9-5 and a life explorer after dark. 5′8″, 158#, late 30s, European background, masculine, lovable, naif, with quality time for friends, art, Disneyland kind of fun, work out, movies, safe, wild-tender romance, and ice cream extravaganza. Write with photo. Reply BT Box JN90B or call ★★8453.

Looking For Mr. Right

GWM, 31, 5′7″, 135, brn/green, HIV-, handsome (friends say cute), clean-cut, in-shape, smart (post-grad), affectionate, interested in dating and sex, relationship-oriented, well-adjusted, even-tempered, honest and direct. I enjoy my work. Your mom would love me. Looking for a Black version of myself. Reply BT Box JN91B.

Tough Match?

Tall & thin, bl/bl, 24 y.o., educated professional into good food and bad TV, looking for a sensitive, sexy guy for romance and new experiences. I'm healthy but not athletic; you can have all the muscles you want as long as I don't have to act impressed. What you really need is a sense of humor, a love of beaches and long drives, and a tolerance for sarcasm. Looks/race/age less important than personality. Reply BT Box JN92B.

No-Guilt Hedonism

Wanna touch, love, and be intimate, but find yourself feeling guilty about the feelings that are supposed to be there, but just are not—but could, given enough time? If so, then let's get together. Potential partners should be like me: HIV-, athletic, good-looking, clean-cut, versatile, close to my age (36) and above all, willing to be uninhibited and communicative. Alternatives can be anything—drop me a line and let's be all those things we can only fantasize about. Reply BT Box JN93B or call ★★8454.

East Bay Professional Seeks Companion

Shy but eager East Bay professional. This Catholic man looking for companion to share conversation, friendship, fun and possibly more. 6′, 190 lbs., mid-40s, g/b hair, gdlkg, physically fit. Enjoy bicycling, outdoors, CW dancing, movies and concerts. You GW/BM, mid-30s to late-40s, gdlkg, fit, NS, ND, and some of the same interests. Reply BT Box JN94B or call ★★8455.

A Shot In The Dark

34, brn eyes, salt & pepper, gym body, 170 lbs., very honest, open & communicative. Sometimes a little too intense. Have lots of friends but want that one special man. I know this is a long shot but, hey, you never know. Like all the usual: movies, skiing, biking, restaurants, etc., etc. Let's talk and if it's right, it might even lead to more than a shot in the dark. Reply BT Box JN95B or call ★★8456.

Asians

Good-looking, clean-cut, muscular white male, 38, 5′9″, 170, looking for athletic, masculine Asians for friendship and good times. Reply BT Box JN96B or call ★★8457.

I Like Ass

This GWM, top, 40, 6′5″, 200 lbs., is looking for nice buns to play with. I love to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, with a slim build, nice ass and hungry. You need it taken care of real bad! Call now! Reply BT Box JN97B or call ★★8458.

Sincere East Bay GAM

Seeks friends/relationship. Looking for someone who enjoys outdoors, workouts at the gym, running, fishing, swimming, tennis & beaches. Me: 41 yrs. old, 5′9″, 142 lbs., HIV-, lean, smooth, muscular build, clean-shaven. You: GWM/GAM/GLM, 35-50 yrs. old, HIV-, healthy mind & body, relationship-oriented. All replies respected and answered. Reply BT Box JN98B or call ★★8459.

Marin-Sonoma

Suburban boy who prefers being far-removed from the gay lifestyle/scene. My definition of "camp" is pitching a tent, not posing for an audience. I am a nice-looking dude of 35, HIV-, stable and happy with me. Looking to meet someone in my area who likes to share similar interests (outdoors, sports, cars), is around my age and enjoys a good sense of humor. Short note and photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JN99B.

42 And Proud Of It

OK, guys, you're beginning to piss me off with all this "Over forty need not apply" bullshit. My hairline may be receding, but my priorities are a hell of a lot better now than they were twenty years ago. Looking to hook up with a buddy who's playful, wise, fit, sexy, open-hearted, down-to-earth, life-embracing, politically aware, socially conscious, passionate, and capable of being both tender and fierce. I have a great love for the outdoors, hike and camp whenever I can, am royally ticked at what the greed-heads are doing to this planet, and looking for someone nice to tangle under the sheets with. I'm 6′, 160 lbs., brown hair/beard, hazel eyes, HIV-, good-looking, exercise daily, don't smoke, avoid drugs. Some virtues can only be achieved after you've logged on a few years, gents. Give it a try, before you decide it's not for you. Reply (with photo) to Boxholder, PO Box 170426, SF 94117.

Need A Third Or Exceptionally Handsome?

Among openly gay men, I'm exceptionally handsome, unusually masculine (natural), muscular and defined, with dark Mediterranean looks, moustache, and gorgeous dick. I appear thirty, 5′9″, lean but buffed. Exclusively a top. I like basic sex and cuddling (where I'm more versatile) with unusually handsome (not boyish) oral men appearing 28 to 38 with toned/defined medium to stocky (not bearish) builds. Your location unimportant. Reply BT Box JN100B or call ★★8460.

Romantic Dilettante

That's "dilettante" not debutante... Me: Energetic, handsome, African-American, clever, humorous, honest, gainfully and satisfactorily employed homeowner—OK, it's a condo—with eclectic interests (long walks, spicy food, fascinating exhibits, music, drama, street theater) and social concerns. You: passionate about your work, your friends, or your challenging avocation, good-looking, possibly of Mediterranean features, intelligent, articulate, with a refined sense of humor, and a good heart. Action: Call or write now, this offer expires some enchanted evening. Reply BT Box JN101B or call ★★8461.

HIV+ Seeks Same

WM, 45, 6′, 185, seeks similar for connection. Me: 'stache, smooth, average body/looks, glasses. You: very hairy, very bearded, bald(ish), more top than bottom, employed, moderate in all vices but perhaps a pervert at heart. Into sharing interests, time, bodies, feelings, ideas. Be butt-oriented (safely), non-cologned, and into more intensity than "vanilla." Companionship in and out of the sack sought. Let's talk. All calls answered. Reply BT Box JN102B or call ★★8462.

Horizon!

Need a few very lean, athletic, smart pals to hang out with and get to know. I'm similar, busy, lowkey, irreverent, sunny, only occasionally serious. Life's an abstract blast: honorable, inscrutable, witty, casual, artful and, for sure, a bit sublime. I have my bearings, but am new to these parts. Lean? Athletic? Smart? Calm? Can we talk? Call ★★8463.

In Vino, Veritas (In Wine, Truth)

European-born gentleman, healthy, handsome, rich and naughty, bored with the masses, seeks playmate for erotic opera produced and performed by us, for us. You must be under 45, rich, healthy, idealistic and passionate about life. PO Box 421557, SF 94142 or call ★★8464.

Young Black Man Seeks Same

Cute 26 y.o., 5′11″, cleanshaven and smooth, in excellent shape, versatile/bottom, looking for an attractive, athletic GBM, 18-30, versatile/top, for an exceptional safe sex experience. I hardly ever get fucked, but long for that special man, hung 9″ or more, who I'll want to give it up to. If you might be that special man, give it a try. Call ★★8465.

Okay

So you feel you're beautiful inside as well as out. You could care less, but wish someone special would notice. Handsome man, 32, 6′2″, 195 lbs., dark blond, hazel eyes, athletic, seeks Latin/Mediterranean-type gentleman with big brown eyes to explore those little things in life that really are important. Call ★★8466.

Stop, Look, Listen

Very handsome GWM, 31, 6′1″, 165#, brn/grn, moustache, muscular, fit, hung, paraplegic, HIV-, seeks another GWM under 35 who is handsome, thin, fit, HIV-, honest, stable, open-minded, and not into smoke, drugs or booze. I enjoy hiking trails, tennis, dancing, weekend getaways, safe sex, etc. If you're looking for someone real to date with the prospect of developing a monogamous relationship, please call ★★8467.

Seeking Afro-American

WM appreciates the attraction of racial and cultural differences. I'm 44, 6′3″, 195 lbs., nonsmoker, easy-going and want to meet an Afro-American man for friendship, love and/or safe play. Your sincerity and desire for a human connection is more important than your age, weight, etc. Reply BT Box JN103B or call ★★8468.

Mr. Right

Handsome, blue-eyed, GWM, 5′10″, 168, athletic and youthful at 53, seeks younger and attractive man for dating and potential lifemate. I'm warm, masculine and easy to be with, as are you. Pluses include interest in outdoors, bicycling, hiking, gardening, quiet times at home, weekend outings. Let's talk... Call ★★8469.

Physical Pleasures

Recently single GWM seeks new friends for cuddling, kissing, sleeping together and, of course, hot, safe sex. Not quite ready yet for more than that, but hey, who knows? Like me, you're in great shape, nonsmoking, masculine, uninhibited, sincere. I'm 33, 5′11″, 158, brn/brn, handsome, HIV-, top. Hairy chests, dark features, short haircuts, hard bodies and tight butts especially drive me nuts! Call ★★8470.

A Relationship

Handsome, 24-year-old, Asian student would like to meet friends and possible relationship. Would like to meet GWM, ages 30-40. My interests are cooking, music, movies, disco; please no smoke/drink. Write or call. Reply BT Box JN104B or call ★★8471.

Into Leather But Not S/M?

This authentic, distinguished leather daddy wants a boy who perhaps has fantasized about being dominated sexually and would like to try it. He should be young, slim, under 6′. Should enjoy being subservient, interested in exploring sexual possibilities and willing to learn (I'm a patient, loving teacher). Willingness to give head and desire to please required. Bondage possible, but not essential. Call ★★8472.

Hung, Uncut, Tactile Voyeur

Tall, thin, dark-haired Latino masseur, 39, likes watching, being watched, masturbating and sometimes touching with other uncut men—especially thin, young and/or hung over 8″ like me. Let's arrange adventurous—& seemingly "chance"—encounters around town (brief OK). I love catching glimpses in restrooms, through windows, etc. Also possible: massage or sensual stroking/rubbing. I'm a childlike, eternal "beginner" who loves playing "Show me yours & I'll show you mine." Write Boxholder, PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★8473.

Spanking & Kindness

Brother or dad, warmhearted, 42 y.o., 6′2″, trim, safe & sane, offers good spanking to slim, smooth, boyish, 18-30. Limits respected. (I can also receive.) Any race. Asians welcome. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Wrestlers On Parade

Any wrestlers visiting for the parade? Two strong, tough, experienced grapplers are hosting a wrestling party Saturday, 6/27, in our private matroom. I'm 39, 5′8″, 150#, dark, very hairy; partner is 28, 5′10″, 175#, blond, smooth. Both into hard-hitting, no-holds-barred, rough-house matches to submission. Party promises wild, rough, man-to-man fun! No spectators—active, aggressive wrestlers only. Call ★★8474.

Nude Beach Frisbee?

GWM, 30: playful, creative, nimble-minded. real, nice build and way handsome, seeks similar for summer fun/romance. I'm 5′9″, 150, br/br and tan, sporadically work, a funky little beard, run/lift/swim (but not compulsively), am secure and successful in my work and friendships. Love being outdoors, rehabbing my house, dancing dervish-like, getting silly and smooching. Looking for connection with like-spirited guy who is similarly bright, together, sexy, eclectic, spontaneous, warm and witty. Occasional moodiness, creative angst okay; honesty; communication and fun are musts. Let's hit the beach! Call ★★8475.

Intimacy Between Men

Why is it that sex is easy but vulnerability is hard? I'm ready to try for the tough stuff, but can't do it alone. If this strikes a chord in your soul, call ★★8476.

Committed Businessman

GWM, 47, socio/political/community active, nature conservator, discreet businessman, fit, biker/hiker. Educated and continues to be educated. Fully enjoy all the colorful people and lifestyles of California. You are 45+, independent, mature and ready to enjoy our independent natures as well as our togetherness. HIV-. Call ★★8477.

Sit On It

While I caress your body, nibble your nipples, and drive you to ecstasy. Later, perhaps a romantic dinner or movie. Handsome, hairy Arab, 41, looking for slim and trim Vietnamese, Filipino or Latin. HIV-. Photo returned. PO Box 31834, SF 94131.

Toys R Us

You are cute, a boy at heart and love to play. I am your tall toy soldier, 6′4″, 190 lbs., 34, brown hair and eyes. We have more fun than anyone else. All letters with photos answered. 18-25 a plus. Box 170, 2440 16th St., SF 94103.

Black Male Seeking Asians Or Black Guys

Who would love to socialize & have more fun than just sex. I need someone who can teach me the basic facts about a real man loving a nice, cute, light brown, handsome man. Like movies, dining & walks (hopefully it can be more than just a friendship in the present). I'm 21 & want to be settled. You: cute, not into drugs, must be into young guys, not too old, but must be in late 20s or early 30s. If I can be honest, you must be also. Call ★★8478.

Asian Seeks Asian!

I want to share romantic, candlelit dinners, camping at Yosemite, walks at Point Reyes, exploring and experiencing life together. I'm an affectionate, adventurous Asian, 5′8″, 135#, 30s, gym-toned. Interests include: outdoors/nature, music, cooking, motorcycles, bowling, great conversations. My friends say that I'm a very giving and sensitive person. Let's talk/meet and see what happens. Take a chance! Call ★★8479.

Serious And Child-Like

Extroverted, shy, accessible, busy, responsible, Jewish, animated, 33 yr. old, GWM, 5′10″, 190, balding, dark hair with super hairy body seeks slim or skinny, nerdy, 26 to 36, any race, who is communicative, in touch and interested in best friend/lover. I enjoy KKSF, theater, skiing, photography, traveling, film and cuddling, square dancing, hot tubs, Star Trek, children. I value compassion, activism, affection, spirituality, intensity, healing touch, masculine, vulnerability and nonsmoking. Call ★★8480.

Do my height and weight have to be proportionate? They're not... Any points for being Black male, 5′11″, attractive, educated, clean, honest, funny, urbane, good conversationalist? I enjoy art, theater, travel, beaches, love, good sex... You're sensuous, white male, who enjoys life and its offerings. If you're tall, gorgeous, stable, HIV-, like myself and monogamous, then that's great. Reply PO Box 885222, SF 94188 or call ★★8481.

... Just Another Very Hot, Very Handsome, Hung Hunk

Can I really be the only (available) feminist en-

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vironmentalist gay man alienated by most popular forms of irresponsibility and self-indulgence (sex is pardoned) whose reaction is not simply to consume/dress mindlessly along a "counter-cultural" trend? Are there none who are not only independent thinkers (as opposed to fringe spiritualists) but who are not so ghettoized as to be incapable of persuasive leverage over the average, slightly concerned, reasonably well-educated heterosexual, and not so wimpy as to be incapable of physical leverage over the more poorly educated (and intentioned) one? Do you utter a materialistic "amen" to a condemnation of cigarettes, drunkenness and recreational drugs? Do crystals, track houses, cologne, jewelry, bright clothing, designer labels, excessive leather, piercings, tattoos and men who have placed their television sets in front of their largest art wall annoy you? Are you highly affectionate despite your objectively viewed masculine demeanor? Is your concern with the man you'll cohabitate with the intensity of partnership, and not who else he may find physically attractive? Not having to meet stringent requirements in financial and physical endowment, or height, would you make a concerted effort to have almost as muscular a build as your thirtyish semi-swarthy Italianesque moustached 5'9" lover? Then recognize your responsibility in responding to this ad with more than a childish no-last-name-or-phone-number note and that national or civic attachments are inconsequential if you're unusually handsome (not boyish), appear to be 28 to 38 and have a medium to stocky (not bearish) build. PO Box 460662, SF 94146-066 or call ★★8482.

Cinema Slut

Yes, I love a good movie. And a hot GBM in the seat next to mine. I'm a handsome GWM, 32, with moustache, graying temples and a gym-toned body. I'm looking for a muscular GBM, nonsmoker, non-substance dependent, who's not afraid of subtitles and who knows how to kiss. The ending of this flick has yet to be written. Call so we can discuss the storyline! P.S., I'd like somebody around my age who is committed to practicing safe sex. Call ★★8483.

Meet Me At The Whistle Stop Cafe

I'll go for somethin' with plenty of character and can't-you-just-taste-'em good looks, plus a generous side of humor and a healthy appreciation for all the best things money can't buy. I'm 26, 6', 165, br/gr, HIV-, athletic and very easy on the eyes. Twenty-something preferred, all races welcome! Call ★★8484.

Snuggler's Cove

Super special 55 y.o. GWM, conservative, professional, needs a real good snuggle partner and wants it now! Snuggler is handsome, healthy, HIV-, 185#, 5'10", cleanshaven, straight-appearing, in-shape, topman, cut, hung pretty, not big. Snuggler loves quiet, clean, spiritually oriented men. Likes exercise, walking, travel, music, reading, spiritual pursuits, quiet companionship and sex. Adores and takes good care of real men who are good-looking, well-built, clean and quiet. Snuggler's dream in the flesh! Reply BT Box JN105B.

Little Guy Sought

By handsome, butch queer who genuinely likes your type. Me: over-educated, raving leftist writer, 33, 5'10", 180 lbs., with dark eyes/moustache/flattop. Looking for feisty, sexy, small-built, younger guys, 5'6" or under, more bottom than top, for hot sex or possible relationship. Long-hairs and buzzheads welcome; tattoos a plus. Call ★★8485.

Over 40 & Fit

Sensual, intelligent, considerate, reliable, HIV-man, seeks same for making love and exploring the possibility of a long-term relationship. I'm 6 feet, 180 lbs., br/br, sexually versatile. You are slim or muscular, any height or race. I run, scuba dive, play bridge, but am ready to explore new activities. Letter, picture to Quest, PO Box 1661, Richmond 94802 or call ★★8486.

Central Contra Costa J/O

Buddies wanted: nonsmokers in decent shape, 20s to mid-40s. I'm 38, blond, 6'2", 190#. I don't care about your dick size or your "experience" (I haven't done anything like this in a while myself), but a playful attitude is a must, and you'll get many extra points for big nuts! Note, photo and phone to: 41 Sutter St., #1215, SF 94104.

All I Really Want

Is a hot country biker into wet dirty fun in the sun (or rain). Wouldn't hurt if you dug cowboy dancin' or an occasional rodeo. Let's get the hell out of Dodge and get sleazy in the wind. Redhead, 38, 5'10", 160. T.D., Box 221, Antioch 94509 or call ★★8487.

Merrily We Roll Along?

Sexy, outgoing, intellectual, romantic student, 27, searching for fun and fulfilling experiences. Seeks someone similar, 18-35, who enjoys dining, movies, music, conversation, and messing around, someone equally comfortable with serious, meaningful discussions and witty, wacky frivolity. Though I have a disability, it doesn't define me or limit my horizons; I'm very independent, and eager for new experiences, new friends. I value intelligence, warmth, humor, affection, openness, and effervescence, but what's outside can excite me too, and I'd like to think I have the same effect on others. Whoever you are, drop me a line; the possibilities are endless, and the fun might be too! Reply BT Box JN106B or call ★★8488.

East Bay South Asian

Sri Lankan artist, 5'4", 120 lbs. (brown skinned), 31 yrs., good-looking. Looking for GLM, GWM or GBM who like sensual, sexy lovemaking, cuddling, walks or jogs, dancing, gym, movies, an interest in different cultures. If you feel that you are compatible to my age and physical type and you share some or any of my interests I would love to hear from you. Call ★★8489.

Seeking Cute Talented Boyfriend

To steal my heart away. Someone I can romance, emotionally support & share a love for everything culturally artistic. I'm a genuinely attractive, very successful graphic designer who is building a new personal life after living/working abroad. I am a WM, 41 (look a lot younger), HIV-, straight-acting, 5'10", 145, slim, smooth, daily swimmer with black hair, moustache & Latin looks. My friends think I'm a doll. I'm spiritually aware (Eastern/Western) with loving values, health conscious, NS, ND, occasional drinker. Sexually I'm imaginative, very oral, sensual & sometimes playfully rough. I'd like to meet a stimulating man, bigger built, HIV-, in a creative profession with whom I have a lot in common. I'm not into casual sex, clubs or bars so here's your chance to land a quality man devoted to you. Let's exchange letter & photo. Reply BT Box JN107B.

Surprise Me!

Asian/Spanish, 33 yrs., 5'4", 130 lbs., good-looking, HIV-, str8 acting, but happily gay. Bohemian in heart, preppy in atttire, politically moderate. Educated, financial survivor and possess positive nature. Loves art, antiques, nature, travels and different cultures. Seeks non-fat, non-femme guys, 21-38, in Walnut Creek area. Looking for new friends and or boyfriend. Looking for someone that can teach me about love, relationships and life. Reply BT Box JN108B or call ★★8490.

Bottom Butt Boy

Well, not quite. I'm 40 y.o., hardly a boy. Nevertheless, I'm looking for a stud/daddy. Be P.C., dominant/aggressive, and attractive. I'm submissive/passive and a smoker. East Bay (Oakland/Berkeley) preferred, but SF OK if you've got what I need. And I need it bad, if you know what I mean. I'm 5'4", 145, brown/black, and waiting just for you. Reply BT Box JN109B or call ★★8491.

Shy, Safe And Kinky?

Handsome Italian, 36, 6'1", 185, 7" uncut, HIV-, moustache. Healthy, honest, clean, into safe sex, mutual masturbation, no drugs. Want to explore new fantasies: ext/WS, bare feet, kinky not risky with clean GM, any race, 20-65, photo if possible to PO Box 425528, SF 94102 or call ★★8492.

Working-Class Homo

33, wants to go steady with combo sex pig/love monkey. Seeking love + lust, carnality + commitment. Me: handsome, disrespectful commie, dark eyes/moustache/flattop. You: a hot grownup no longer mystified by what makes you tick; a rough boy who prefers being persuaded to turn over; a blood brother. Generally like Latin/Mediterranean/Jewish men under 30, but sexy is sexy. Longhairs, the well-pierced, and other "alternative" types also encouraged. If you're the kind of guy who never expects to find himself on a Colossus poster, I like you already. No straight-acting Republicans or other collaborators, please. P.S., I can talk dirty in Italian, too. PO Box 460685, SF 94146 or call ★★8493.

It's About Time...

... that we finally meet. Bright, sensitive, gentle, masculine, romantic and handsome GWM professional (46, 5'11", 175, br/bl) seeks same (35-45). I've worked on me and now it's time for us. If you know yourself and are unafraid of risk, commitment and intimacy and seek a long-term relationship with a very special man, give me a call at ★★8494.

Looking To Date

GWM seeks same. I'm in my mid-20s, brown hair, gray eyes with average build. I like to laugh, watch movies, and be outdoors. Not necessarily all at once. I am basically into experiencing and enjoying life. I would like to meet a guy with similar characteristics who can discuss the big questions without taking it all too seriously. My dream date is watching a movie in sweats on a foggy day... with another guy, of course! Reply BT Box JN110B or call ★★8495.

Regular Guy?

Handsome (br/br, moustached), masculine, in-shape (6'1", 185#), 40 y.o., HIV-, GWM wants to meet another "regular guy," 30-45 y.o. I'm warm, flexible, highly interactive, and open to new experiences. Some of my interests include adventure travel, scuba diving, working out, motorcycles, camping and music (jazz, classical). I'm attracted to natural, athletic, masculine, "take-charge" guys w/whom I share similar & different intersts. Reply w/photo to BT Box JN111B or call ★★8496.

Starving Grad Student

Starving grad student, 6'2", 165 lbs., seeks cheap dates. Looking for intelligence and sense of humor in a tall, trim man. Interests include books, films and long walks. Call ★★8497.

Sex Starved Ass

I have a cock-starved ass that needs regular safe feeding by beefy topman who enjoys feeding a hot, safe, hairy ass. Latin, 44, 5'5", 200#, average looking, smoker, beer belly. I have been told that I have a hot ass. South Bay only. Call ★★8498.

Relationship In Tune With Nature

Down-to-earth artist seeks companion who also relates to the natural rhythm of life and the magical experience of the Bay Area. I'm 40, 5'11", 170, healthy, into camping, hiking, sailing, creative expression and ready to bond my life with another nature lover who can relate to a monogamous relationship. Let's get to know each other by taking my truck camping in the redwoods and sharing our energy next to a campfire. Your picture gets mine. Reply Box-holder, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★8499.

Lonely, Sensitive, Eclectic

28 y.o. Filipino male, 5'10", 160 lbs., good-looking, physically fit, stable, responsible, career-oriented, enjoy all sorts of music and arts, movies, dining out, read *The Nation* and *NY Times*, exercise regularly (runner), listen to NPR as well as KITS and KMEL, curious, like to explore. Would like to meet slender to medium built white males, 23-30 y.o., around my height and weight, with similar interests for dinner, lunch or movie dates, developing friendships, possible relationship. Call ★★8500.

Attention GABs!

This GAB (Gays Against Brunch) is looking for others for weekend fun and more (?). If you're a doer this highly athletic, hot-looking cyclist/sailor/backpacker, etc., with brains, may be for you. I like to work hard and play hard, and would like to share good times with others of similar mind and body. Me: 36, 150#, 5'10", lean, cleanshaven. You: 20-35, similar features. Call ★★8501.

Dominant Men Of Color Only

Attractive, masculine, 28, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, 5'11", 170, hairy gym-toned body, seeks a good-looking, masculine, dominant man who likes to kick back and get serviced. I'm intelligent, not into bars or identifying with a "scene," but like to explore life in creative ways. Sexually into taking orders, fantasies and hot talk. Letter and photo. Reply BT Box JN112B or call ★★8502.

Boyfriend Wanted!

You: Handsome, nonwhite, educated, employed, versatile top, athletic, 30ish, emotionally secure, muscular, hairy, honest, articulate, open-minded. Me: similar, except mixed race, bottom-ish, gym-toned, average, hairy. Us: adventurous risk-takers, challenging, direct communicators, learn about each other, forgiving, loving, problem-solver, accepting, balance social private times, understanding, growth oriented, like arts, outdoors, pets, travel, sports, "new things," try to develop multi-level, mutually satisfying relationship. Reply BT Box JN113B or call ★★8503.

Friendship—Maybe More

I'm looking for someone to date casually. I want to touch, caress, kiss and have hot sex. I'm a good-looking GWM, 6'1", 185, in good physical shape from regular workouts. Sexually versatile,

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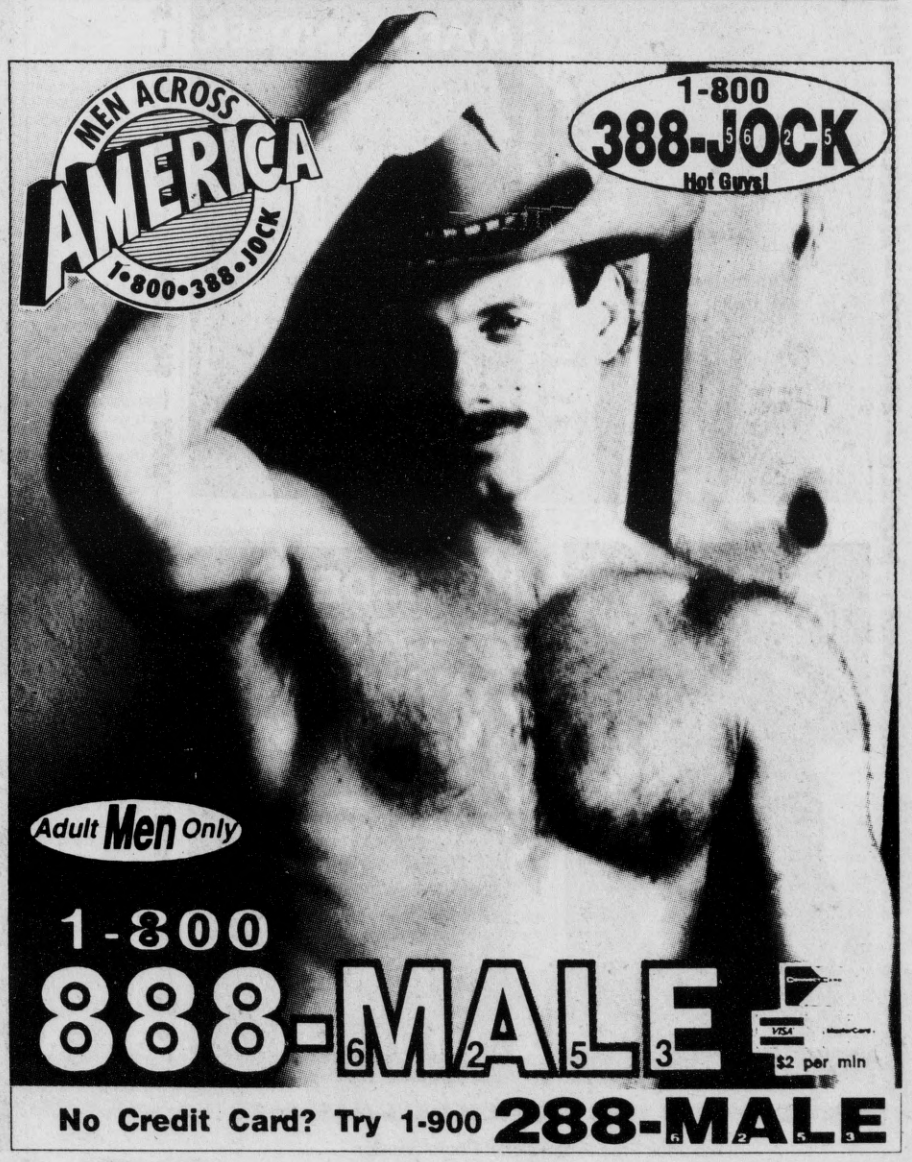

more bottom than top. If this sounds good to you and you're 36-46, in good physical shape, HIV-, then let's get together and see what develops. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JN114B or call ★★8504.

Camping Adventures!
North Bay couple seeks other gay male couples who enjoy camping and traveling. If the Sierras, North Coast and interstate travel appeals to you please write. Westphalia fans encouraged to reply. Reply BT Box JN115B or call ★★8505.

Asians Wanted
GWM, 5′9″, 125 lbs., looks 44, HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drinker, attractive, professional, sincere, warm and caring, desires a mature slim Asian, 35+, for a monogamous relationship to enjoy life's pleasures by caring, sharing, cuddling and living together in my house or other place. I enjoy cars, boats, computers, music, eating out, walking, travelling and spending quiet evenings at home. I especially enjoy cuddling. All answered. Reply BT Box JN116B.

The Tao Of Pooh In Leather
I like: passion, laughter, Jungian stuff, carefree dancing, futons, cuddling, leather sex, romance, imported beer, theosophy, the beach, swimming, Robbins, Rice, Bly, Bach, and cleanshaven all-American boys. If interested in this 27-year-old, semi-hairy, healthy, HIV-, 5′11″, medium build, single, dating-oriented guy, give me a call. Reply BT Box JN117B or call ★★8506.

Still Searching
I am 27, successful, professional, university graduate, 180 lbs., medium build, HIV-, brown eyes, black hair, moustache, Latino. I enjoy quiet time with friends, movies, music, romance & love. But I can also be spontaneous & playful. If you have similar characteristics & are stable, open-minded, sexually versatile, 25-40, aggressive but caring, then you might be someone I'd like to meet. Reply BT Box JN118B or call ★★8507.

North Bay Urbanite
Do you start each day reading the Fusco Brothers, horoscope, and Giants score? I'm a GBM, 6′3″, 220 lbs., HIV-, left-handed, and a very young 37. Interests: photography, Live 105, Seinfeld, Murphy Brown, Northern Exposure, travel and bicycling. Prefer GLM, under 30, with similar interests. But any race under 40 is OK. I like tall, lanky, unique, creative types. Lt drugs and smoking OK. I'm intelligent, somewhat bored, and have an off-beat sense of humor. Interested in friendship or sex, relationship is possible. Let's see what develops. Reply BT Box JN119B or call ★★8508.

Hot J/O Video Swap
Boyish-looking GWM, 20 years old, blond/blue. Hey guys, I know you're out there. I'll show you mine if you show me yours. Send to: Video Fanatic, PO Box 361294, Milpitas 95036. I'm only running this ad once so don't miss out. Come on, guys, show me what you got. It will be fun. Reply BT Box JN120B.

Friendship And More
If you're looking for friends to share special times with and have fun with. We're probably what you're looking for. I'm 25, 5′5″, 138 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, and cleanshaven. My lover, 37, 5′9″, 145 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes with a moustache. We're both good-looking and HIV+. Seeking the same. Give us a call or write. We'd love to hear from you. Reply BT Box JN121B or call ★★8510.

Waxing & Waning
This QWM: buzzed ash/green, 5′8″, 137, 30, pierced, shy, working boy, Cyberpunk student seeks: guyfriend, business boy, bike messenger, whatever real. Musical favors veer from norm to underground, alternate, industrial. Think with the mind, feel with the heart, see with the hands. Appreciate the Pagan way and respect individual choice. Prefer exploring the club scene with someone rather than meeting an empty friendship alone. Same, silly, sensual. Reply BT Box JN122B or call ★★8511.

Make It A Hotter Summer!
Seeking adult top males ages 40 to 70 in good health. Nonsmoker, no drugs and non-alcoholic. I'm Chinese, 5′7½″, 140 lbs., uncut, smooth bod. Seek buddies for movies, dining out, hot tub, mutual massages and let me heat up your summer of 1992. Call ★★8512.

Down 'N Dirty
Let's rassle—no holds barred, 2 out of 3 submissions, down 'n dirty, rough and wild as you can handle! I'm 39, 5′8″, 150 muscular pounds, bearded, super-hairy mat villain, years of experience, lots of pro gear, private gym with mat for hard, man-to-man, rough-house action. Also have hot tough partner for tag-team-bouts. No serious challenge refused. C'mon, tough guy! Reply BT Box JN123B or call ★★8513.

Willful Sex Slave
Naturally submissive but pridefully headstrong, I need "inducement" and training from a strong, dominant, physical man experienced in extensive B/D & S/M to put me in my place. Me: sexy, hairy, trim, 5′8″, 137 lbs., young 43, HIV+, masculine, "regular guy." Man: 35-50 yrs., over 5′10″, fit (not fat or flabby), sexy, confident, masculine. My defined body is ready to serve and eager to be used for your pleasure, but only if you truly get off on enforcing absolute control. Subdue and cage my will. Call ★★8514.

Gay Couple
Looking for other couples for camaraderie. Handsome, versatile, both hairy, bearded, balding, HIVers, who love each other's company, but would like to meet other couples for occasional get-togethers. Sometimes in a sort of kinky kind of way. One is 40, 5′8″, 150, Californian; the other 45, 5′7″, 153, Puerto Rican. We enjoy food, drink, good times, and occasional trips to Lake Tahoe. Reply BT Box JN124B or call ★★8515.

Seeking Attractive Asian
I am 40, 5′9″, 150, HIV-, GWM, shy, sincere, nice looking, fairly muscular and athletic, analytical but also romantic. A UNIX programmer. Like films, lectures, computing, poetry, cafes, long walks, touching & talking... I am seeking a bright GAM in the SF area who thinks independently and is available for friendship and possible relationship. If interested, reply BT Box JN125B or call ★★8516.

X-Poster Boy Seeks Fun
I must be from Atlantis or some other world. OK, so love isn't on everyone's agenda here... How about just some fun? Still, I've got to at least feel comfortable with "whoever" before I give it up. I'm handsome and looking for a mutual attraction. 6′, dark bl/br eyes, 180 lbs., versatile. You won't find me in the bars. I prefer wandering through woods, hangin' out with my dog, scuba diving, writing, and basically getting away. I think country-western dancing's pretty cool too. So, if you're a real person, an outdoors type into fitness, and at least somewhat "hot to trot," drop a line. PO Box 26556, SF 94126 or call ★★8517.

One Smart Hunk Deserves Another
29-yr.-old, bl/gr, 6′2″, professional w/cover boy face & surfer man bod, seeks a butch buddy for athletic and aesthetic events. Weightlifting, tennis, riding, hiking, skiing, rock climbing, Colossus/Box dancing, family get-togethers, plays, movies, rare book hunting, art galleries, A-list (or z-list) parties, restaurant testing, etc. Great looks, quick mind, and vibrant health are required. If sparks fly, sex will be a raging fire. One negative: I'm HIV+. Letter with photo appreciated—calls OK too. Reply BT Box JN126B or call ★★8518.

Leather Boy
With beard and large cigar seeks leather dads into unusual rim and oral scenes, including WS. Must have facial hair. Prefer 40-65. Be healthy. Also interested in being photographed while servicing. Photo replies appreciated. Average size dicks are great! Reply BT Box JN127B or call ★★8519.

Attractive GWM
Early twenties—in-shape, smart, closet-less, Jewish, masculine, active, seeks similar for possible relationship or summer fling. I'm 5′7″, with dark hair and eyes, 150 pounds. I'm looking for a good-looking, fit GWM or BiWM who likes to have a good time and is open to commitment. Call ★★8520.

German Bottom Seeks Top
With my big ole 8″ dick, people expect me to be on top and I've performed admirably. But I long for a genuine topman, any race, any age, who will teach me a thing or two. Successful GWM, 49, 5′8″, 165 lbs., full beard, HIV+. German background, light hair, blue eyes. Alabaster smooth buns. Be dark, be hairy, be real. Box #743, Hayward 94541 or call ★★8521.

Read This Ad...
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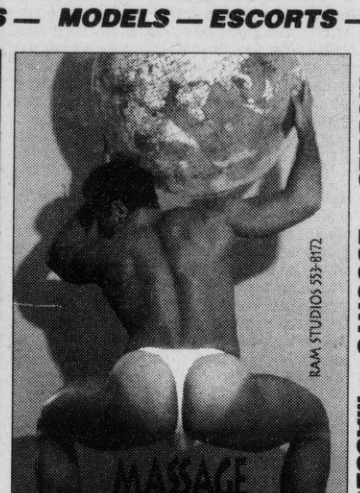

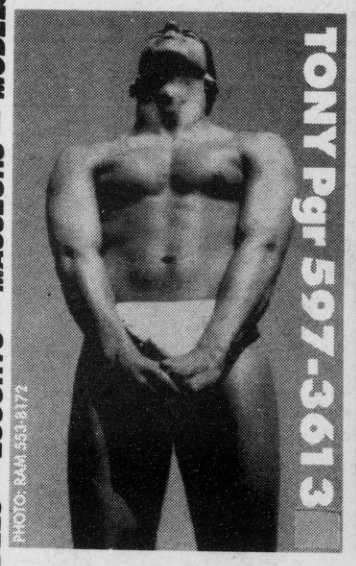

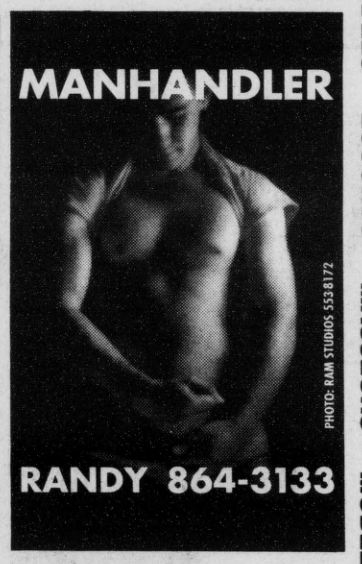

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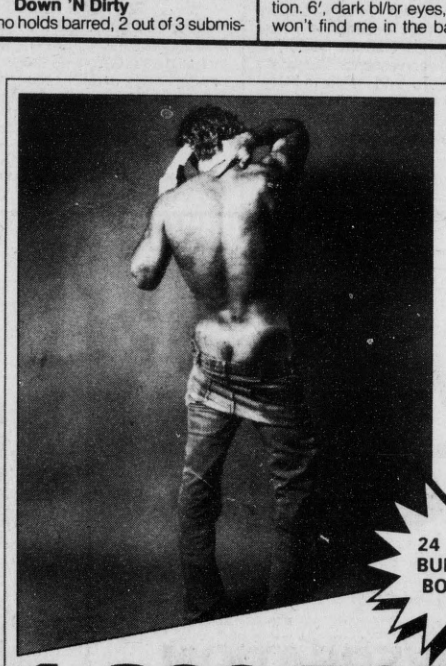

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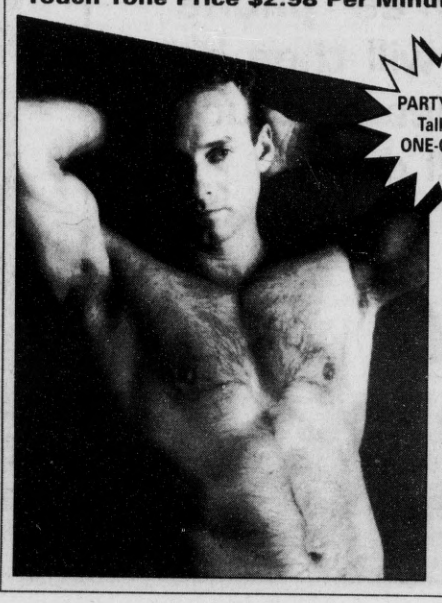

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Bars Are Okay But

Would like to hear from guys, 25 to 35, with both feet on ground. HIV+ OK. Me too, but want to meet guys with positive attitude. Me: mid-30s look. Cleanshaven. Slim, 5'11", 165 lbs., dark ash, hazel eyes and packaged well in "looks." You: prefer boyishly cute, slim, good sense of humor, relationship-oriented. Your pix gets mine. Reply BT Box JN129B or call ★★8523.

Asian Seeks New Friends

Busy Asian-American professional, 43 years old, 5'6", 140 lbs., seeks friendship with good-looking GWM, late 30s to late 40s. NS, ND and HIV-. Interests include classical music, real estate, cooking (food in general) and architecture. Prefer someone that's discreet, even-tempered, honest and enjoys life. Please call or write and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box JN130B or call ★★8524.

La Dolce Vita

Aesthete seeks like-minded for recreation and/or romance. I'm free, white and 37, with weaknesses for Field nocturnes and Joseph Cornell. If this sounds weird to you, then take your business to Walgreens. Otherwise, call ★★8525.

Tired Of Meaningless Encounters?

I know I am. I'm an unconventional guy with a creative job, nice bod and pleasant looks. Since moving here I'm finding it too easy to meet the wrong people. Every now and then I say, screw it, I'm 36, in great health (HIV-), adventurous, witty, and would rather be sharing my time with someone great than just working or doing stuff with friends. Reply BT Box JN131B or call ★★8526.

Yes—I May Be Mr. Right

Or perhaps just Mr. Right Now. Anyway, I'm definitely into dating/having fun and searching for commitment/monogamy. I'm 27, 5'6", 125 pounds, nice body, good-looking, dark hair/green eyes, very down-to-earth. Love travel, sports, politics, quiet nights, romantic guys. Hate workaholics, Republican mind-set, bars, fake people. Me: nonsmoker, HIV-, professional, very oral, imaginative sexually, East Bay. You: nonsmoker, HIV-, near my age, intelligent, humorous, handsome. Special turn-ons: Latinos, Black men, hairy butts, creativity in/out of bed. Will reply to all. Photo appreciated and returned. Let's try it! Reply BT Box JN132B or call ★★8527.

Top Ten Reasons To Answer This Ad

(10) You're an intelligent, attractive GWM who's looking for love, or a reasonable facsimile. (9) Carson's off the air. (8) I'm an intelligent, attractive GWM, 5'10", 145, who's looking for love, or a reasonable facsimile. (7) Lesbian friends love you but need a break. (6) We're about the same age (I'm 31) and are mature enough to be responsible but young enough to have a joy of life. (5) Mom wants grandchildren. (Tell her we'll try!) (4) You like to spend time hiking, cooking, traveling and cuddling with a clean-cut, all-American kind of guy (and so do I). (3) Friends think you're the inspiration for "The Mostly Unfabulous Social Life of Ethan Green." (2) You want to bring a date to the company Christmas party. (So, is there any harm in planning ahead?) (1) Letterman's a rerun. Photo (returned) and letter to PO Box 31825, SF 94131.

Cut To The Chase (My Quest Continues)

Handsome, educated, 41, GWM, Italian, 6'2", 205#, HIV+, asymptomatic, gym-toned. Interests: Europe, Calif. coastline, blues/jazz/classical, no C&W music, gourmet dining. Seeking: GWM of similar interests/background/nonsmoking to share experiences, both in and out of bed, on which a relationship can be built. No leather types or 12-steppers please. Let's meet for anything but coffee. Reply BT Box JN133B or call ★★8528.

Horny Shy Top

Good-looking GWM, 6 ft., 175, dk hair, 40 y.o., blue eyes, top, seeks good-looking GWM, 23-35, bottom, who is ready to commit to a serious monogamous relationship. I enjoy quiet times, movies, etc. Reply and you'll be glad you did. Let's go for it now! Reply BT Box JN134B or call ★★8529.

Handsome, Hunky And Horny

Discreet, handsome and hunky man seeks same for friendship/sweaty workouts. I'm 33, 6'1", 190 hard # with a solid chest, great legs. I am a runner, cyclist, sometimes bi/triathlete. You are buffed, very handsome, horny, athletic and HIV- (I am). Of course I love sex! All muscular hunks welcome: Blacks, dark men encouraged. Reply w/photo (returned) to PO Box 3022, SF 94128-3022 or call ★★8530.

Check Your Shorts

If they're skimpy, tight & packed for action, this bearded, aggressive, rough-housin' construction worker will help pitch a tent in 'em. 100 percent safe & sane play, rasslin', BD, TT, CB, WS, woodshed discipline, boots, 501s & more with all limits carefully respected. Singles, teams, or the whole poundin' crew, drop a dime & let's put some long, hard mileage on those briefs. Call ★★8531.

Asian Guys...

Are just my cup of tea. I'm a GWM, early 40s, medium build, HIV-, good-looking, professional. At this stage in my life I am ready to settle down, and I want to be in a relationship with an Asian guy. If you are slim to average build, 25 to 45 years old, "together," and sincere about looking for a relationship, please reply to BT Box JN 135B.

Looking For Asian Boyfriend

Lonely, stable GWM hoping to find Asian friend, leading to a relationship. I'm friendly, mature, romantic, affectionate, but usually shy. Interests include computers (work in computer industry), electronics, science fiction, cats, travel, watching TV, quiet times at home, more. Don't smoke or drink, hopefully you are similar. I am 39, brown hair/eyes, 5'11", 195#. If you are looking for the same: PO Box 5357, San Mateo 94402 (photo if possible) or call ★★8532.

Physical Pleasures

Recently single GWM seeks new friends for cuddling, kissing, sleeping together and, of course, hot, safe sex. Not quite ready yet for more than that, but hey, who knows? Like me, you're in great shape, nonsmoking, masculine, uninhibited, sincere. I'm 33, 5'11", 158, brn/brn, handsome, HIV-, top. Hairy chests, darker features, short haircuts, ripped abdominals, and tight butts especially drive me nuts. Reply BT Box JN136B or call ★★8533.

Pretty Boys With Attitude

Get me hard! You: under 30, cleanshaven, full head of trendy hair, no smoking & aggressive. Me: 30, 6'3", cleanshaven, brown, blue, tanned, handsome, full head of hair, average build. I'm tired of being the aggressor, you want me, come and get me. Let's make my giant bed rock! P.S., I'm serious, are you? Reply BT Box JN137B or call ★★8534.

Do What You Like?

Progressive-minded, politically instigating, orally fixated, smoking, drinking Black man-child, 31, 5'8", 135 lbs., seeking thin to medium-thick males of any race & 35 or younger (Oh, what the hell, call anyway!) to join me in raising hell between my sheets (or yours). Afterwards we'll revel in our private temporary autonomous zone with coitus completed. Talk to me quick. Reply BT Box JN138B or call ★★8535.

Learning The Ropes

Cute GLM, 20, 5'9", 145#, smooth, slim, alternative type. Hopeless romantic, enjoys cuddling, massaging, kissing. Inexperienced but intrigued by light bondage. Seeking men into ropes, struggling scenes, body contact, tickling. Must be sensual, imaginative, dominant, submissive. Should be versatile, attractive, have sensitive nipples/body like myself. Smooth great, hairy +. Have ropes, toys, but nobody to play with. Interested? Restless, itchy, eager fingers call. Eager to know what tickles your fancy. Call ★★8536.

As We Like It

Orlando seeks Ganymede for poetry and transformation in the forest of Arden. Orlando is captivating, highly educated, handsome (36, 6'3", 200#, Anglo), healthy (HIV-), open, sensuous, masculine, and noble. Ganymede (no Rosalind in boy's clothing) is all of these and more, with exceptional credentials for urban professional life, but an adventurer ready for exploring love, life and the spirit both in the city and beyond. Letters much preferred, please. Reply BT Box JN139B or call ★★8537.

Weekend Decompression

Needed after the work week blur. Seeking a monogamous, romantic connection for Marin hiking, dining in, watching football and film (extensive library), listening to jazz and classical. Making love for hours. We're both HIV-, nonsmoking, light drinking, bright, witty, down-to-earth, honest, self-esteeming, gym-toned, lean, fit and hairy. (You're dark, tall. I'm fair, 5'10", 162#, good-looking, forty-something) and open to long-term relationship if love conquers all. Call ★★8538.

Lifelong Romance And Adventure

After reading and occasionally responding to Bay Times ads, my friends have convinced me that I should be an advertiser. While I am to a very great degree a respecter of diversity and model of tolerance, I still have my own particular outlook on life and living.

I am a fun-loving, intelligent, witty, well-educated, well-traveled, sophisticated, romantic and youthful "people person" searching for a life-long soulmate and monogamous sexual partner with whom to walk the world's beaches and share the magic of life from Disneyland to crackling fires. I am, and expect my life-partner also to be, an HIV- Caucasian who lives a health-conscious lifestyle that does not include smoking or drugs and only occasional moderate consumption of alcohol. And I usually typify the men I find interesting as well as attractive to range between a mature 29 and an active and youthful 40.

Even though I have been "out" and living in San Francisco for 14 years, I still very openly bubble over with optimism, enthusiasm and joy over my relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and believe that the answers to life-questions and living for every human being are somewhere to be found within the boundaries of the love, hope and peace the Spirit of God offers each of us.

I am a physically fit and highly energetic, 6' tall, 210 gym-toned pounds, 40-year-old resident of San Francisco with vibrant blue eyes and thinning blond hair with graying temples. I am usually considered somewhere between impishly cute and distinguishedly handsome.

Well, if you've managed to hang on during this entire roller coaster ride, and especially if you've gotten that wonderfully dichotomous knot of trepidation and exhiliration in the pit of your stomach, please send me a note or leave me a message, whichever is easier and more comfortable for you. Who knows? If the chemistry is right, we may both begin the most exciting and longest-lasting thrill of our lives!! Reply BT Box JN140B or call ★★8539.

Blk Male, 36 y.o., 6', 190 lbs.

Football player's build, 10" thick, uncut. Masculine, muscular top. Work out 3xs per week. Enjoy all sports, reading, music, 1-on-1 wild parties. Seeking slim-muscular BB bottoms, W, H+, L+, A 21-38 y.o., 5'7" up. Bubble butts/ sensitive nipples encouraged. Explicit photo/letter requested. No flakes. Take a chance. (So. Bay a plus.) Reply BT Box JN141B or call ★★8540.

Handsome Italian-Irish

Good-looking 37 y.o., hairy, 5'11", 165#, moustache, wants to meet top guys or couples, 30 to 40 yrs, who are handsome, well-hung, affectionate and in good shape, for hot sex and possible dating. I am friendly, honest, with a good sense of humor. You should be too. I enjoy films, camping, KKSF, KKHI, good food and friends. Write with photo or call. Reply BT Box JN142B or call ★★8541.

Mild To Wild Cuddlebunny

Weekday SF prof., my own time prefer sweats/501s, sun, gardening, E. Bay parks with my dog, sci-fi to musicals, KKSF/KSAN, quality time with friends. Very gdlkg WM, 5'8", 135, sexually tending to bottom but right chem = versatility. Affection, cuddling, vanilla w/good mix of occasional kink/raunch (WS, sweatsmell, restraint). Lkg for creative, open, in-shape man w/sense of humor, "attitude." Mod smoke/toke/drink OK. Prefs (not req'd) Oak-Berk area, 20s-30s, under 6', body hair, muscles. Call ★★8542.

Yo Head!

I'm looking for bad boys in leather jackets, 22-33 y.o., top. Into hangin' out, dancin' and knockin' boots. I'm a QBM, 27 y.o., 140 lbs., 5'7", cute. Into Coil, Public Enemy, Kenneth Anger, Jagermeister, tattoos, piercings, handcuffs, tall bald punks, and goin' buck wyld. You: white/Latin QM. Hot, unpretentious, have a brain, thin, muscular, imaginative and safe. No headcases or excessive druggies. I'm waiting! Call ★★8543.

Hot Italian Guys Do Incredible Things

to my libido... but I'm trying not to think with my testicles. I want a relationship that starts above the waist... one that stimulates my heart and mind too. Intimacy, honesty, intelligence, trust, monogamy, self-confidence and (eventually) hot wild sex. Me: white, 28, cute, fit, professional. You're optimistic, and not necessarily Italian. Please reply BT Box JN143B.

Asians Appealing

I find Asians appealing and I don't know all the reasons why. I hope you find appealing a GWM, mid-forties, 5'9", 155 lbs., HIV- and healthy. This GWM has emotional maturity appropriate to his age and has learned through trial and error how relationships work. I am affectionate and caring. Interests: tennis, aerobics, travel and more. I value your personality more than looks or age. Reply BT Box JN144B or call ★★8544.

Kinky Party Guys

GWM, late 20s, muscular, looking for others into partying, bondage, dominance/submission, role-plays, fantasies, 3-ways, groups. Up for almost anything. Let's talk and share some hot ideas to set our wilder imaginations loose. Give it a try. Give me an idea of what you're into. Reply BT Box JN145B or call ★★8545.

Tall Blond Seeks Asian Boyfriend

Gay man, 30, big guy, 6'4", 210, blond/blue, HIV+, cute, chubby, open-minded, affectionate, very romantic, versatile/top, passionate, smart & fun. I love cuddling, interesting talk, nature, politics and culture, long walks, sports cars, holding hands, books, kissing, good food and great sex. I dislike Republicans, attitude and pretense. All races are beautiful, but I find Asians especially so. I'm hoping to meet a nice boy, honest, bright & thoughtful, 18-38, for dates and possibilities including friendship, sex, love and relationship, call ★★8546. Peace.

Cuddle Buddy

GLM, 30, 165 lbs., br/br, 5'9", looking for GWM, 30-45, for quiet times together and lots of laughter. Take a chance and call ★★8547.

C'mon Pilgrim

Sexy, easily bored 29 y.o. white boy college student, 5'7", 135—nice, tight body, cheap wardrobe, studied pretentions ("Acting naturally is such a difficult pose to keep up.")—wants to meet intelligent young men, of any color, who are Man enough to have some ideas of their own. Common interests might include: comic books, hip-hop, fine claret, political myth-making and critical theory, martial arts, pranks, rock 'n' roll. (I'm HIV- and my sexual partners have gotta be too.) Call ★★8548.

Cock Worship

By varsity cocksucker, and seek same. Stats: mid-40s, very masculine, tall, HIV+ and fit, clean-cut, moustache, assertive, witty, irreverent, dirty talker, big fat (cut) cock. Prefer younger guys, in shape, into cock worship and other recreation. No outgoing greeting on voice mail, but leave a message with phone number if interested in possibly connecting. Reply BT Box JN146B or call ★★8549.

GWM, 34, Good-Looking And Single

5'10", 170 lbs., and in good shape, short black hair, beard and moustache. Looking for hot sex and maybe romance and a relationship! I'm versatile and I like to have fun! I especially like tit and butt play. Call, leave message. Call ★★8550.

Ready For A Relationship

Socially liberal, fiscally conservative 26-yr.-old GWM, blk/brn, HIV-, with a husky but strong German build, seeks a companion who is relationship-oriented with a zest for living life. I'm comfortable about my sexuality, tend to be a kid at heart, and remain fiercely loyal to the people I care about. I enjoy eating out, travel (domestic and international), high tech toys, movies, a capella and classical music, strong coffee, long walks, photography and talking. You should be emotionally available (but not desperate), near my age, responsible, adventurous, tactile and have a keen sense of humor. Call ★★8551.

Are You There?

Are you an active GWM around 30 who keeps himself in good shape, is independent, stable and has a life? Do you know that some day you will meet the man you're going to spend the rest of your life with, but in the meantime would like to make new friends, have some fun, maybe get lucky on occasion? Then I'd like to meet you. I am a very attractive GWM, 31, 6', 155 lbs., HIV-, professionally employed, centered, fit, and enjoy life. Call me, let's see what happens. Call ★★8552.

Luck O' The Irish!

Healthy relationships are worth working for. Bi-coastal (native San Franciscan/Boston upbringing) and bi-lingual (English/French), willing to "let go" in an emotionally open, honest partnership. Non-drugger, non-drinker, nonsmoker and HIV-, looking for same, emotionally stable, financially secure, quick-witted, mid-30s to mid-40s. I'm 47, 5'9", 165 (3 weekly gym visits) with smilin' hazel Irish eyes, brown hair, moustache and hairy chest. Love to two-step, travel, act & ski. Your photo/phone will get us started. Un petit cafe, peut-etre? Reply BT Box JN147B or call ★★8553.

Fantasy #1

After romantic dinner, playful banter, magical chemistry, we return home and embrace in passionate dark, slowly taking off each other's clothes. Start south, tease our way up north. We tie each other up, lick, tease, spank, tickle. Cute GLM, 20, 5'9", 145#, smooth, sub/dom. You: GM, sensitive nipples/body, attractive, versatile, smooth, hairy +. Seek romantic, sexy, sensitive, honest man for intriguing, ticklish adventures. Moustache/facial hair +. Fantasy #2 to follow later... Call ★★8554.

Is This Ad Worth Your Time?

Yes, only IF YOU are also worth my time. Looking for: GWM (especially Europeans—French, German, Italians—or descendents), between 24-32, cleanshaven or goatee, nonsmoker, non-drug user, 5'8"+, handsome & good build, honest, goal-oriented, masculine, humorous individual. This 25 y.o., very cute-looking Asian may be the one you should explore. My build is 5'7", 125#, well-defined, lean extra-smooth body. I'm straight-acting, considerate, good-hearted, mature, responsible and caring. Enjoy work-outs, cultural arts, dining out, foreign films, traveling. Hoping that attraction, romance & relationship may develop. By now, if you conclude our times might be worth exploring, your fingers to the dials will bring our magical time together. Trust your instinct. Reply BT Box JN148B or call ★★8555.

Three-Way Relationship

Two GWMs, late 30s, HIV-, in a relationship, seek mature, masculine, HIV-, GWM, nonsmoker, to join our relationship (and two cats). One of us is 5'9", 150 lbs., goatee, brown hair, moderately hairy, glasses, enjoy KKSF, NPR, Pacifica Radio, good food, bike riding, hiking, working out with weights (mainly pecs), politically aware, progressive and easygoing. One of us 6', 170 lbs., brown hair, moustache, and moderately hairy. Enjoy mountain biking, backpacking/hiking, good food, listening to KPFA and NPR, politically aware, progressive, easygoing and working out with weights. We're very happy together and seek adventure and romance with a third man. Sexually we're into some S/M, leather, and like kissing. One of us is into a man's upper body (pecs, arms, armpits) and the other is into men who look good in 501s (show dick, basket), pierced tits, goatees or bearded and earring. We're not into fast-track/fast-food America. Letter/photo. Reply BT Box JN149B.

Body And Soul?

Attracted to smooth, good-looking Asians, Latins or ?, 20-35, but also seeking more serious Partner (or just-friends, all types): casual, down-to-earth lifestyle, sensual but stable, quiet nights at home or ?, no heavy alcohol/drugs, ethnic food, music (pop, jazz, etc., etc.), moderate Christian or ?, philosophy, Twilight Zone, Falcon-Bjorn fantasy, Far Side sense of humor... I'm WM, 29, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking. Letter and photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★8556.

Top/Pig Party

Looking for hot tops & pigs interested in attending a monthly show-off/service party. Both tops and pigs must be hot to quality. Don't be shy, call ★★8557.

Is It Possible

To be serious and yet have a sense of fun? Yes, and I'm looking for other men age 37-47 with similar abilities. 43-yr.-old, attractive, HIV-, bearded professional with wide range of interests including reading, hiking, psychology, cinema, animals, Jeopardy, nature and exploring the City, seeks similar men, NS, ND, SF residents preferred. Reply BT Box JN150B or call ★★8558.

Bear Seeks Cub

Mature GWM, 40, 5'11", 200#, 7" UC, very hairy, seeks honest, sincere, sweet, spiritual and hot cub for JO. Red hair, green eyes, UC, big balls, thin, are turn-ons. I'm a nice guy looking for the same. Reply BT Box JN151B or call ★★8559.

Let's Get Past The Sex

And fall in love. So many times I think we blow this chance. You meet, have sex and never see each other again. Relationships are hard, yes. But isn't it worth a chance? I'm 28, very affectionate, handsome, romantic, etc.... Looking for the same who's a top. Life's too short. Let's do it now! Italians (big) a plus. Call ★★8560.

Happiness

Special guy in a wheelchair with a speech im-

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pediment, causing me to speak slowly. I am about to become a lawyer! I am outgoing with a lot of self-esteem. I would like somebody who's courageous, spiritual and big-hearted to enjoy life, traveling and fun. Thanks. E.K., PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704.

Sunburnt Blond Forearms And Crewcut
Friendly, good-looking, 6 ft., 175 lbs., Buddhist man, playfully affectionate, sense of humor, strong muscular legs and red-blooded enthusiasm, seeks cuddling, hot, safe sex, sleepovers and friendship with freckled carrot tops or blonds, African Americans too! Ready to nibble your nipples, buff your butt and more. Healthy, articulate, HIV-, into healthy lean or muscular guys my size. Peace! PO Box 882872, SF 94188 or call ★★8562.

Black And White Equals Hot
Let's get naked for some sizzling hot encounters. Sensual, smooth, good-looking, young-thinking, educated BM, 6 ft., 185 lbs., nice gym-toned body, sense of humor. Looking to connect with sexy, masculine, fun-loving, white or Latin guys. Especially attracted to athletic, muscular, hard bodies. Also into music, massage, touching, cuddling, videos and nipples. Sound good? Let's do it. Photos exchanged. Boxholder, PO Box 190182, SF 94119 or call ★★8563.

Battle Fatigue
Anyone understand plight of answering ads, not getting returned responses or compatible replies, plus losing photos promised returned? "New" tactic: "This Ad." This East Bay ret-Navy man, 5'6½", 170#, black hair w/moustache, brown eyes, HIV-, never married nor lover, would enjoy hearing from HIV- GWMs interested in dating toward relationship. Age and body-type unimportant if weight proportionate to height. Sincere respondents eagerly pursued. Photo optional. Reply to: Boxholder, Box 461, San Leandro 94577 or call ★★8564.

Searching
For a friend or something more. GWM, 47, 5'6", 150, bottom, looking for Asian around same age. Someone to share time with and grow to know. I am professional, varied interests and discreet. Open to a long-term relationship. Perhaps if we both take a chance something good may grow from this. All replies respected and answered. Please call ★★8565.

Visiting SF 8/92
Non-white GM sought by young-acting GWM, 42, 5'10", 180, to show me the best SF has to offer and maybe the reason to move to SF permanently. Have always been attracted to types different (racially) than me. D.W., PO Box 1971, Baltimore, MD 21203.

Couples
Single GWM, 28, bearded, independent and stable, seeks GM couple in SF for 3-way sex/friendship. I'm HIV-, handsome, horny and hung; eager to enhance your sex, match your pace, respect your territory. I'll make a great top, bottom, moderator or towel boy for a sincere, stable couple. Please be drug-free, healthy, romantic and fun. Serious only. Call ★★8566.

Bottom's Dream
Progressive, horny, bubbly bottoms sought for simultaneous sexual stimulation & fulfillment to exhaustion. Sensual attention by warm & friendly GWM hot cpl tops (1 vers.), 30, 6'3", 185 and 36, 6'2", 195. We and you are cleanshaven, nonsmoker, HIV-, safe only. Turn-ons: GAM, GLM, blonds, smooth, spandex, feet, sox, 21-33. This is a sex ad, but please no bi-curious. Reply BT Box JN152B or call ★★8567.

Now Is The Time
A poet said, "Grow old with me, the best is yet to be." Do it now with a retired GWM, 65+, 143#, 5'7", HIV-, who is seeking a sincere GBM any age for friendship, recreation, intimacy. If you like good music, good company, movies, dining, your photo gets mine. Call ★★8568.

Masculine, Midwestern & Mellow
Handsome, fun-loving, in-shape WM, 40, 6'1", 180, brown/blue, HIV-, seeks similarly jockish, healthy, good-natured W/H/A/M for friendship and hopefully more. Bicycling, swimming and hiking keep me fit; music, movies and travel keep me interesting. You're 21-42, mature but playful, free of cant from right or left and responsible. Let's meet and enjoy summer in and outside the City! Call ★★8569.

Playful, Earthy Spirit
GWM, 48, 5'10", 165 conditioned lbs., balding, 'stache, hairy, uncut, low hangers, sensual, affectionate, versatile, mostly oral, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, meditator, allergic to Christians and Republicans, working class peasant looking at right livelihood issues, loves art, dance, theater, music (classical, rock, world, jazz), dogs, massage, working out, making out, seeks compatible, fit, masculine, emotionally available, conversational, caring—primary relationship. Reply BT Box JN153B or call ★★8570.

Handsome, Muscular Italian
GWM, 34, 6'2", 175 lbs., into fitness, travel, romance and quiet times. Extremely well-endowed, seeks another HIV- heavily hung man with similar interests for monogamous relationship. Serious only. Send photo/phone. Reply BT Box JN154B or call ★★8571.

R.
You answered my ad in the May 21 issue—asked me to call you, but didn't leave your number! The ad is repeated in this issue. Please call either ad. Call ★★8572.

From Top To Bottom
The virus hasn't changed my deep blue eyes, set against dark locks and moustache, eyes that admire olive-to-dark-brown males. Kisses touching deeply, holding you closer—soft, abundant body hair brushes your smooth, satin skin. Sensitivity, tenderness, surrender to passion—sensing your pleasure, kisses become dominant, raising temperatures, gaining my entrance. The virus hasn't changed my desire for you—or yours for me. Call ★★8573.

Cute Asian
Athletic, fit, 5'7", 150 lbs., late 20s, w/a boyish look, into working out, outdoor activities, sports, passionate nights and is friendly, unpretentious, intelligent, seeking similar GWM, 23-33, HIV-, who is sincere, clean-cut, straight acting, masculine, physically & mentally active and preferably hunky. Let's meet & enjoy a great summer together. Call ★★8574.

Top Seeks Bottom
If your butt hungers for lots of rimming and condom-covered fucking, your lips for lots of kissing, your body for lots of snuggling, and if you turn on to the thought of having your desires satisfied from time to time during all-night sessions at your place, by a nice-looking, well-hung, warm and affectionate topman who is a GWM, 43, 5'9", 170, reply BT Box JN155B or call ★★8575.

Looking To Make A Good Friend In The East Bay
I am a GWM, 34 years old, 5'8", 185 lbs., HIV-. Am living on a small, fixed income and have time to travel. Have a small trailer in the mountains to live in part-time. Am into travel, hiking, reading, pinball, drinking, music and oral sex. Am looking for a friend with a good personality, under 45 and HIV-, who is into oral sex. Reply BT Box JN156B.

Out Again
Good-looking, sexy, fun guy's been alone too long. Looking to date, have fun, sex, romance, see what develops. I'm GWM, 43, brn-gray/hazel, 6', 175#, healthy HIV+. Intelligent, self-employed designer, involved in the arts, good sense of humor. I love modern dance, theater, gallery openings and performance as well as 49ers, mainstream film & TV. New interest in bicycling gets me to G.G. Park or Marin. Preferably you're my age or younger, my height or shorter and not a cigarette smoker or heavy drinker. Let's get together and check it out! Reply BT Box JN157B or call ★★8576.

There Must Be More...
GWM, 31, 6', 175, black/brown eyes, HIV-, Italian descent, clean-cut, very good-looking, seeking a relationship-oriented, romantic person. I am affectionate, compassionate, considerate, intelligent, and have an optimistic outlook on life. Looking for someone with similar qualities who has the capacity and desire to explore the depths of a monogamous relationship. Please respond if you are a stable, nonsmoker, who has a lot of interests and enjoys having a good time. PO Box 425483, SF 94142 or call ★★8577.

Bearded, Balding, Hot & Hairy
45-yr.-old GWM, 5'8", 182 lbs., HIV-, sensual, friendly top with a great sense of humor and inner strength. Possibly the best kisser west of the Rockies. Seeking an honest, vulnerable, HIV- for long, hot, passionate, animal sex, preceded & followed with heavy cuddling: You in my arms; your eyes look up at me; I hold you very tightly; we sigh! Must like dogs. Race not important. Call ★★8578.

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BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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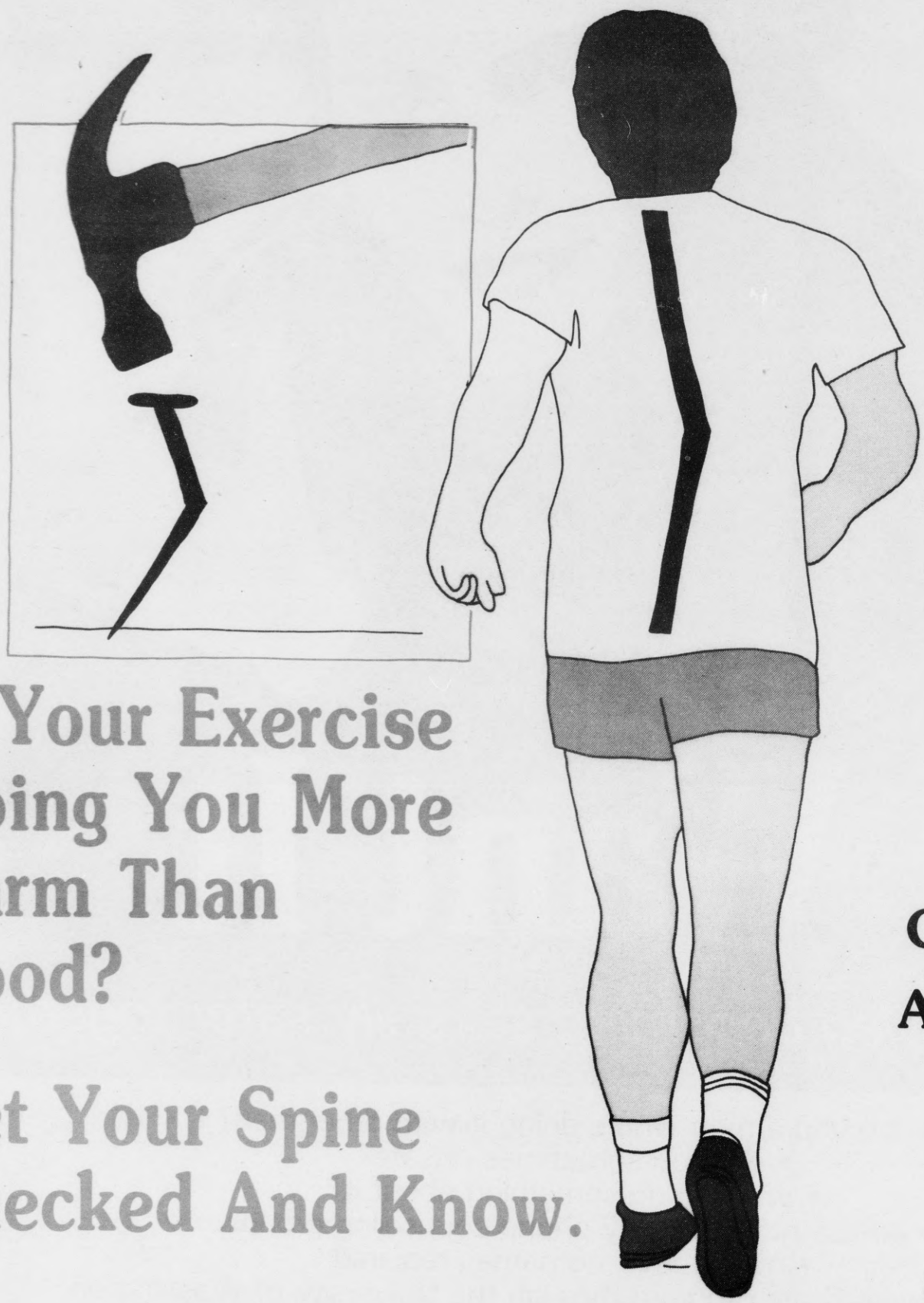

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